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Clinton Tells Africans of Regret for 'Sins' of Past

Neglect and Ignorance' Of the Continent Were The Worst, He Says

KAMPALA, Uganda — President Bill Clinton sounded a measured note of contrition on Tuesday for past "sins" in U.S. relations with Africa, including Cold war support for representation by American support for factorial support in state of containing at a village school set amid

Speaking at a vinage of short storaged short in the leafy thus outside the Champala, Mr. Clinton stopped short of Kampala, Mr. Clinton stopped short for teet and fee of making an explicit apology for slavery - a thorny issue that continues to roil American racial politics. He did, however, propose more than

\$180 million in new aid for a continent he said had been subjected to American 'neglect and ignorance.'

"It is as well not to dwell too much in

the past," he said, "but I think it is worth pointing out that the United States has not always done the right thing by

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A Cold War rivalry with the Soviet Union had led the United States to deal with countries in Africa and elsewhere based on their superpower allegiances rather than how they stood in the struggle for their own people's aspirations to live up to the fullest of their God-given abilities," he said.

"And of course, going back to the time before we were even a nation, European-Americans received the fruits of the slave trade, and we were wrong in

that as well," Mr. Clinton said. His 12-day journey through Africa is to finish April 2 at the Goree Island slave transshipment point in Senegal.

The trip takes place in a year during Harding which Mr. Clinton has sought to call attention to racial dialogue and healing. But his aides have said that he will not issue a formal apology.

Mr. Clinton prefaced his speech
Tuesday by saying he had listened

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By R. W. Apple Jr.
New York Times Service

ception. In a 1994 study of U.S. policies

toward Africa, Peter Schraeder of Loyola University in Chicago wrote that they

have always been marked "by indif-

That is what President Bill Clinton is

ference at worst and neglect at best."

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setting out to change in his 12-day trip

here—three times longer than all of his predecessors combined have spent in

this vast continent, which the mission-

ary David Livingstone once described

as the "running sore of the world."
In recent decades Africa has mostly

meant trouble, from the Biafran insur-

Only the transition from apartheid to

democracy in South Africa under Nelson

Mandela's leadership has broken the pat-

tern dramatically enough to catch the eye

of significant numbers of Americans.

Mr. Clinton thinks the winds of

change are blowing, says a "new Af-rican renaissance" is at hand and just by

coming he has accomplished semething. He has demonstrated, say African diplomats and students of

Washington's African policy, that the United States no longer considers

The Africans had pretty well conchided that we didn't give a damn about them," said C. Payne Lucas, who heads Africare, an organization of American voluntees in 30 African countries.

We've ignored this continent, except

for the Peace Corps, the big oil compaand a crisis here and there, so this tip is a very helpful signal."

Yet there is widespread, profound

skepticism about the president's broad-

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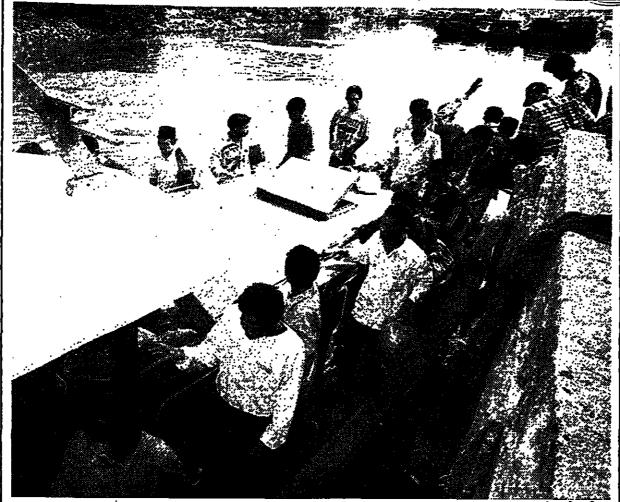
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Just by Visiting, Clinton Recognizes Its Potential



Some of the 150 or so Indonesian migrants, including children, being deported from Malaysia on Tuesday.

Malaysia to Indonesians: Go Away

That's the Official Name of Its Crackdown on Illegal Immigrants

By Thomas Fuller

KUALA LUMPUR-The Malaysian Navy has launched a small fleet. The police have descended almost nightly on squatter villages, arresting those without working papers. And trawler captains convicted of ferrying illegal immigrants have been sentenced to three years in prison and six lashes with a rattan cane.

Malaysia in recent weeks has all but declared war on boarloads of illegal immigrants landing on its shores.

Called a new breed of "boat people" by Malaysia's prime minister, Mahathir bin Mohamad, they are refugees from Indonesia's financial crisis. About 19,000 refugees,

er goal of establishing important, lasting

economic links with Africa. Mr. Clinton

is raising expectations, perhaps beyond

sistant secretary of state for African

affairs in the Carter administration, said

last week: "It is going to take huge human and financial resources to trans-

form the place, and we haven't the slightest idea where they are going to

come from. Certainly not from us. It's

hard to believe that we will ever again

· The United States hopes that trade,

But most African countries have small

populations, shaky legal frameworks, if

any, and negligible middle classes. Edu-cation and health care are often inad-

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offer aid on a Cold War scale."

not aid, will do the job.

Richard Moose, who served as as-

his capacity to fulfill them.

January in Malaysia, twice the number in all of last year. To stem the flow, authorities last week launched Operation Nyah, or, literally translated: Operation Go Away.

Naval ships, police boats and helicopters patrol the Strait of Malacca around the clock, intercepting overloaded trawlers before they can reach Malaysia.

After years of ignoring the influx of illegal workers — there are about 800,000 of them in the country — Malaysia is sealing its borders and handing down harsh sentences for those caught ferrying or harboring the workers.

Neighboring Singapore has also ordered a crackdown on illegal immigrants. On Saturday, a judge sentenced 117 men, convicted of entering the country illegally or over-

almost all of them Indonesian, have been arrested since See MALAYSIA, Page 12

President Clinton with President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda at a village school Tuesday. Mr. Clinton announced \$182 million in aid for Africa.

Yeltsin Will Retain 2 Senior Ministers

No Clues Yet On Top Post

By David Hoffman

- President Boris Yeltsin spared his foreign and defense ministers Tuesday from the government reorganization he ordered this week while berating his top aides, saying they allowed his orders to go unenforced and

warning they could be fired, too. Mr. Yeltsin offered no clues as to his choice for a new prime minister to re-place Viktor Chernomyrdin. But the temporary prime minister, Sergei Kir-iyenko, a one-time banker, bounded across Moscow's political landscape with obvious enthusiasm as he prepared recommendations for Mr. Yeltsin, leading to more speculation that Mr. Kir-

Albright defends Yeltsin's right to dismiss his team. Page 7.

iyenko, 35, was a serious candidate to

head the new government.

Showing deference to Parliament, which is dominated by Communists and nationalists, Mr. Kiriyenko paid courtesy calls on leaders of both houses to ask for their suggestions. ask for their suggestions.

The presidential spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, said the acting prime minister had not yet met or talked with Mr. Yeltsin, a day after the president elevated him to run the government.

Mr. Kiriyenko has said that Mr. Yeltsin ordered him to come up with a new government within about a week and that he was planning to be at center stage again Wednesday when the president meets here with President Jacques Chirac of France and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany.

Mr. Kiriyenko also is expected to meet with Grigori Yavlinsky, the cen-trist leader of the Yabloko bloc in Parliament, who is among several other leading political figures mentioned as a

possible new prime minister.

During a meeting of senior staff aides, Mr. Yeltsin spoke well of Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov and Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev, Russian press agencies reported. Mr. Yeltsin's comments were unwelled as a signal that comments were viewed as a signal that the two ministers would be retained in the new government. The fate of many other ministers, including a reformer, Boris Nemtsov, a first deputy prime

minister, were still not known. Sitting at the head of a long table, Mr. Yeltsin looked pale and spoke slowly in the Kremlin videotape aired on evening news broadcasts. "I must say," he told the aides, "I don't like everything that

you are doing. There was a long pause. "Especially as far as the control system is con-cerned," he said. "We must create an atmosphere in which everybody knows that a decree not implemented means death — the end. That would mean either you write a letter of resignation on the spot, or just resign. That is all. There is no other option.

Mr. Yeltsin, who under the constitution has the power to legislate by decree, has often found his orders ignored, especially in the regions outside Moscow. He has repeatedly demanded that his subordinates find a way to clear

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France's Bugbear: Change, Not the National Front gency to civil war in Angola, from famine in Ethiopia and Somalia to genocide in Rwanda, from Ian Smith to Idi Amin.

By John Vinocur International Herald Tribun

PARIS - More than an easy-to-remedy breakdown in party politics, the extraordinary admission of the fascist-tinged National Front into the mainstream exemplifies France's resistance to reinventing itself and its difficulties in creating a new sense of national

If the French widely agree that deals by center-right politicians with the National Front on regional governments meant transgressing a barrier of shame, the proposals made by President Jacques Chirac as a democratic response Monday night relate mostly to

the mechanics of elections and politicking. What they avoid confronting is a national climate of reluctance to change, in which both the left and the right cling to old myths and conceits, and right-wing extremism finds room to prosper.

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In identifying the National Front as a racist and xenophobic ad venture whose doctrine "risks ruining France, its values, its image," President Chirac called for a modernization of French political life that would address voting systems that favor political deals, the cronyism implicit in laws that allow politicians to hold multiple offices and the limited participation of women in government.

The Socialist Party, in response, said the ideas were reasonable, although insisting that it had advanced them first — and left the issue there.

But these steps appear to be just first aid for the severest of moral wounds. Under the circumstances, the ordinariness of the remedies proposed for the

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Chirac speech puts pressure on regional leaders to resign over deals with extreme right. Page 8.

Foreign Minister Primakov won some presidential praise Tuesday.

Iraqis Jail 'Father' of **Toxic Arms** Program

By Judith Miller New York Times Service

Iraq has arrested the scientist widely regarded as the father of Baghdad's germ weapons program as he was supposedly preparing to flee the country, Iraqi and Western officials say.

The scientist, Nassir Hindawi, was a key architect of Iraq's ambitious program to make germ weapons, and Western officials have long hoped they could freely interview him in the absence of interview him in the absence of Iraqi secret police officers, who sit in on all interviews conducted by UN weapons inspectors.

Mr. Hindawi's arrest, the officials said, deals a significant blow to the UN inspectors, who have spent much of the last seven years trying to determine the scale and killing power of Iraq's germ arsenal.

They view free access to people like Mr. Hindawi as even more valuable than visits to presidential sites or the reviews of government files because, in their experience, the program's workings become clear only when described by its participants. "He would have been a gold

mine of information," said Jonath-an Tucker, a former UN inspector and arms control official who is now a germ weapons expert at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California. Nizar Hamdoon, the Iraqi rep-

resentative at the United Nations, said in an interview Monday that Mr. Hindawi was in a prison in Iraq. He said his government informed the United Nations of the arrest early this month.

Mr. Hamdoon said Mr. Hindawi had been found with documents relating to Iraq's biological arms program, which he was supposed to have numed over to the govern-ment. Mr. Hamdoon said the authorities had also confiscated evidence establishing that Mr. Hindawi was about to leave the country illegally.

Mr. Hamdoon declined to de-

scribe the evidence further, but Western diplomats said Iraqi of-ficials had found a forged passport in Mr. Hindawi's possession. It was not clear how the diplomats

knew this or how Mr. Ĥindawi

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3 Killed in Ambush **At Arkansas School**

JONESBORO, Arkansas (AP) Two boys in camouflage ambushed a group of middle school pupils Tuesday as they assembled outside the school during a fake fire alarm. At least three people were shot and killed, and 12 were wounded, including two teachers.

Two suspects, aged 11 and 13, were taken into custody outside the Westside Middle School, and two rifles and other weapons were recovered, the Craighead County Sheriff's Office said.

The authorities would not say whether the suspects were pupils at the school, which has about 250 children in sixth and seventh grades.

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Wall Street Decides To Doubt Oil Pact

The U.S. stock market rallied strongly Tuesday as crude-oil prices slipped on doubts that oil producers would honor their pledge to cut production to lift prices.

Crude prices backtracked Tuesday, and with them fears of inflation that had been stoked by the accord. Those fears lowered stock prices Monday. Financial stocks were among the

top gainers Tuesday, as low inflation tends to keep interest rates down. Where stocks go now depends largely on the performance of corporate earnings, analysts said.

"It's kind of back to normal," one

1998 Oscar Winners	
A roundup of the 70th Academy Awards, I	Page 26
Best picture: Titanic	
Best actor: Jack Nicholson, As Good	As It Gets
Best actress: Helen Hunt, As Good A	s It Gets
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By Seth Faison

UNMING, China — Ma Hong had a big voice for such a small body. Barely five feet tall, emphatically two-tone in her black leather pants and hot-pink T-shirt. Miss Ma bellowed at the teeming confusion of sackcarrying travelers at the outdoor bus station: "You-SHEE! You-SHEE! Who wants you-SHEE?'

As a barker, ticket-taker and resident battle ax on a private minibus that traverses a road south from this provincial capital, Miss Ma - who was calling out the name of a destination, Yuxi, not offering a snack - looks like an undersized engine of the local economy. What fueled her aggressive posture on this day was a simple deal: Fill the bus with passengers or make no money.

"Get in!" she spat at an elderly man who dithered for a moment about whether to take her minibus or a competitor nearby. "Are you going or not?"
In most of China, private minibuses are the prin-

cipal means of getting from one town to another. Private cars are still rare, bicycles are still numerous, but for anyone with more than a few miles to travel, the minibus has become the convenient way to go, making it a regular feature of life for hundreds of millions of people.

And what a telling microcosm of China today, this minibus: Too many people, rickety infrastructure, complaints galore, grudging acceptance of authority and a durable propensity to get where it is going.

As Miss Ma's wobbly vehicle rolled out of the

station, a sleepy-looking guard in a faded blue uniform and red armband waved it toward the road, a feint at traffic control that the driver did not even appear to see.

Theoretically, the authorities in China keep order, in practice, where politics are not involved, they mostly stand by and wave along whatever is already moving.

"So many people in one bus, isn't that against the rules?" asked an older man in a fraying Mao cap. The driver, Lao Ai, replied: "What rules? I'm the boss here." He was a short man with a logo on the breast of his leather jacket that read "Girl

The official limit on passengers was printed on the side of the minibus: "19 reserved seats." There were 28 people stuffed in. With all the luggage, it felt like many more.

MAN in military uniform placed four large cardboard cartons square in the middle of the aisle, forcing other pas-sengers to climb around them, like slithering sardines. Just try moving one of those boxes, the man's glare seemed to say, and you'll pay.

Once the bus was moving and out on the road, Miss Ma shifted to her next role, money collector. 'Where's your fare?'' she barked at the old man in the fraying Mao cap, as he dug through his pockets, pulling out a long succession of crumpled bills, worth about a penny apiece. "Faster!" Miss

WASHINGTON — The House Ap-

propriations Committee approved leg-

International Monetary Fund and the

The committee approved \$18 billion for the IMF and \$505 million for the

United Nations by voice vote after two

was in doubt because Republicans

planned to add anti-abortion measures to

the funding package. In addition to

providing the money, the legislation will

impose tough reform conditions on the

IMF, some of which have drawn criticism from the Treasury secretary,

One provision would require the IMF

to ensure that countries comply with

international trade agreements and treat

foreign and domestic creditors equally.

If the IMF does not comply, U.S. funding

may be cut off. Another provision would

require the IMF to release edited minutes

from its executive board meetings along

with internal reports on loan programs.

to focus more on workers' rights, en-

riers, and call on Japan to spur growth

The bill will now move to the full

week. House Republican leaders have

vowed to attach anti-abortion provi-

sions to the package. The abortion issue

killed funding for the IMF and United

through domestic demand.

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But lawmakers said the bill's future

United Nations.

hours of debate.

Robert Rubin.



In most of China, private minibuses are the principal means of getting from one town to another. They are like the nation itself: complaints galore, grudging acceptance of authority and a durable propensity to get where they are going.

Ma yelled. Then she turned and shouted the same instruction at a middle-aged woman with a broken leg, whose white plaster cast was obviously making it difficult for her to maneuver and open her pocketbook for the fare.

The woman, apparently used to this sort of verbal abuse, ignored it and continued talking to her daughter as she handed over the money.

In the row behind her, three teenage girls sat jammed together on a seat designed for two skinny passengers. One of them, Bai Ling, who sported a ponytail and a Mickey Mouse shoulder bag, told a tale of coming to the provincial capital from her small town in the countryside, looking for tourist

By and by, as Miss Bai talked on, a second story emerged. The three girls, each of them 16, had come to the big city looking for work, hoping to be hired at one of several glitzy hotels where, as Miss Bai put it, the "big money" stays.

"If my parents knew I went to a hotel looking for work, they would think I was trying to become a 'said Miss Bai, using a slang word for prostitute. "I didn't tell them where we were go-

As it turned out, Miss Bai said, her two friends had forgotten to bring any identification, and no hotel would hire them. To an outsider, that sounded like a

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rare moment of rectitude, on the hotel's part. To Miss Bai, it was a hassle. Now headed back home, she said, they would find some ID and my again the

S THE MINIBUS picked up speed, its windows rattled so loudly that only leaning hard against them would silence the clamor.

Outside, the city dissolved into green rice paddies and tobacco fields. A crew of workers, stopped at the dusty roadside, slurped noodles from in boxes. A peasant woman in a blue smock watched a water buffalo in a marsh.

Finally able to sit down, Miss Ma pondered a few questions about her job. She has been on the minibus road for two years, and though she finds it tiring, it beats working on the farm where her parents still

"Every day, there's pressure," said Miss Ma, who is just 22. "If we don't fill the bus, we won't get any extra pay." Eventually letting a smile overtake her frown, she allowed that there was an element of adventure that she liked, being out on the road every

One time, I met a passenger who sold pigs' heads." she said. "He had a long beard, and told a lot of stories. I never saw him again.'

Corporate Ladder Stays Wo-Pron Tough Climb for Women

By Kirstin Grimsley , Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Sitting in an up-scale restaurant in Palo Alto. California, Catherine Muther, a high-tech executive, had a startling realization.

Fifteen women had gathered to honor a female business professor at Stanford University, and all had received master's degrees in business administration in the 1970s, the first years large numbers of women had attended the program. Most had left school with dreams of heading large companies.

But as she looked around the table at women old enough to have top executive positions within reach, Ms. Muther said, she suddenly realized all of the others had walked away from the corporate world.

"I was the only one who was still employed at a corporation job," she said, "other than one woman who was being downsized."

That night in 1993 was a "defining moment" that caused her to re-examine her life and career, said Ms. Muther, then 46 and vice president of marketing at Cisco Systems Inc., a computer networking company based in San Jose,

Twenty years ago, the question of why no women headed large corporations had a standard answer: Too few were in the pipeline with the right combination of training, education and seasoning. That was expected to change when the women entering leading business schools arrived in the work force in the 1970s.

But today, though thousands of wom-en have passed through business schools and into middle management, women hold only 3 percent of the top six executive positions at large Fortune 500 companies, or about 90 of 3,000 po-sitions. Only a handful have been named chief executive officer.

The slow ascent is a result of many factors, but few people believe it stems from women not wanting the top spots, according to a new nationwide survey by The Washington Post, the Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University. About 65 percent of Americans think women are discriminated against in getting top positions, but women are more likely to believe it. with 71 percent saying so, compared with 59 percent of men.

Even now, slightly more than half of men say a major reason women are not getting top slots is that "the doors haven't been open long enough."

Fifty-seven percent of women share that view, and 60 percent also believe women are not getting there because "men don't want them to get ahead."
Only 43 percent of men hold that opin-

Panel Votes IMF and UN Funds, but Challenge Looms The women surveyed also cited family responsibilities as a major career impediment, with 55 percent saying Nations last November and could derail contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty the package again this year because it Organization and urging allies to pay Among them: \$4.5 million in relief they kept women from working as many the package again this year because it would drive away Democrats and invite a presidential veto.

Organization and urging allies to pay more for troop deployments in the Gulf.

The Senate legislation provides \$1.3

Among them: \$4.5 million in relief for New England maple producers from ice-storm damage, \$7.5 million for rehours as men do.

To explore why so few women comington Post sought out women who have reached for those jobs, interviewing 20 from across the country who received MBA degrees at three elite business schools — Stanford, Harvard and Wharton — between 1969 and 1979. The women were located through referrals from the schools' alumni departments and through published alumni directories.

These women were unusually committed to the career track, moving crosscountry in pursuit of good jobs, investing years in professional develop-STATE OF THE PARTY ment, spending tens of thousands of dollars on their educations. A series of appearing to significant and the series of appearing to significant and the series of th

Now ages 43 to 60, most began careers with big companies or international management consulting firms, but of the 15 who still work full time, only two remain with large, publicly traded corporations, with one other working for a large, privately owned

Three others work for small companies with fewer than 50 employees; six are entrepreneurs, two of whom run businesses from home; five work for nonprofit organizations; one is disabled; one is retired; and one is a fulltime at-home mother.

The drop-off is "the corporations' loss," said Kathleen Meyer, who received her degree from Stanford in 1976 and now is executive director of the Business Enterprise Trust, based in Stanford, California, which promotes corporate responsibility. "These are bright, motivated, honest people with integrity who got out."

Myra Strober, a professor in the Education Department at Stanford who taught in the business school during the 1970s, has monitored many of the early female graduates' careers. She said many who stepped off the career track tended to attribute the shift to individual circumstances, rather than recognizing it as part of a pattern of amorphous, institutionalized discrimination that sapped their energy for driving to

"If you think about discrimination as doing something 'bad' to women, that's not what happened so much," Ms. Strober said. Instead, "men are being favored, and women are being ignored. If a woman doesn't experience egregious harassment and she is asked if she faced discrimination, she will say no.'

'Men and women are both treated poorly at times," she added, "but he gets

some mentoring, and she gets none."

In a century that opened with women banned by law or practice from many occupations, the female MBAs pioncered a generational shift in which they combined education, marriage, family and career. Most are in long-term marriages,

with about one-fourth divorced. Nineteen have at least one child, and most have two or three. Almost all have been employed outside the home for most of their lives, and about two-thirds are the primary breadwinners in their families. In interviews, most of the women said

they forsook the goal of top-ranking management at a big public firm because the grueling work hours expected of executives made it difficult to meet family obligations.

Some cited sex discrimination as a major impediment, but most were reluctant to describe themselves as having suffered discrimination, because they did not want to see themselves as victims. Still, almost all said they had come to feel increasingly isolated and alone at work as they rose in the ranks, excluded from what felt like a male-only club at

Ultimately, however, the change in dreams was one they chose as they sought more happiness, fulfillment and family time.

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pairs to the Capitol dome and \$1.9 milbillion for the military buildup in the lion for a connector road in Utah for the Gulf, \$383 million for U.S. peacekeep-2002 winter Olympics.

Committee chairman, Ted Stevens, Republican of Alaska, that would reduce the U.S. share of funding for NATO to 20 percent from the current level of (Reuters, AP) about 25 percent.

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The Senate, moving toward a final

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The legislation will also urge the IMF but offered no remedy. "It would be a serious mistake if we courage countries to reduce trade bartried to minimize what's going on," the minister, Claudio Burlando, told the Chamber of Deputies. He spoke a day after an express train collided with an-House, where a vote is expected next other train near Florence, killing one passenger and injuring 36, some crit-

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Away From Politics Pederal advisers have selected the influenza strains they think most likely to threaten the United States next winter and

strains in shots for 1998-99. Leo Jones was electrocuted in Florida for the sniper murder of a police officer. Mr. Jones had challenged the constiunionality of Florida's use of a 75-year-old electric chair (AP)

directed vaccine makers to include protection against those

The Boy Scouts are not covered by California civil rights laws, the state Supreme Court ruled. It deemed the group not to be a business and therefore free, like any private club, to exclude homosexuals and atheists in its membership policies. (AP)

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effort to protect the presidency and to slow the independent counsel's criminal inquiry, say lawvers in the investigation. White House officials and independent analysts.

At issue were high constitutional questions involving the president's right to confidential advice and cold political calculations. The president's advisers concluded that the potential political costs of appearing to stonewall a criminal investigation were outweighed by the ben-efits of delay and the need to preserve the confidentiality of White House deliberations, members of the president's defense team say.

The president's lawyers know they can tie up the investigation by Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, for months as the two sides argue the doctrine of executive privilege before the courts. The potentially critical grand jury testimony of the White House deputy counsel, Bruce

momentum of Mr. Starr's inquiry will have been slowed and his task of reconstructing any White

NEWS ANALYSIS

House efforts to contain the Lewinsky scandal will have been made more difficult.

A high-stakes constitutional debate over executive privilege could take weeks or months to wend its way through the courts, blocking Mr. Start from possibly crucial questioning of key

Conceivably, Mr. Starr's work could drag on eyond the midterm elections in November. If it did, Democrats would hope to pick up sufficient seats in Congress to fend off any attempt at impeachment.

Delay could also exacerbate what opinion* polls show is considerable public impatience

support began seriously to falter.

The privilege claim also extends to Sidney Blumenthal, a White House communications adviser, who refused to answer questions before Mr. Starr's grand jury about his conversations with the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton about the independent counsel's investigation.

Mr. Starr opposed the president's move to limit

the testimony of Mr. Lindsey and other aides. He has argued that they possess information relating to possible obstruction of justice and witne tampering in his investigation into whether Mr. Clinton carried on a sexual affair with Ms. Lewinsky and then induced her to lie about it. Mr. Clinton has denied the accusations.

Now that executive privilege has been inoked, Mr. Starr will be forced to assert that the testimony of senior White House advisers is central to his case without knowing exactly what information they can provide.

to the president said. "There must be a showing that there is some kind of evidence there."

The delay arising from the privilege debate also serves the president's political purposes, lawyers and advisers said. The legal argument will take place behind closed doors, free from the prying eyes of reporters and Republican par-tisans in Congress. It will not be the tense public battle that Richard Nixon fought to prevent disclosure of the Watergate tapes.

The decision to invoke the privilege, made formal in a closed hearing before Judge Norma Holloway Johnson of Federal District Court, was the result of a spirited debate among the pres-ident's aides and attorneys over several weeks. It centered not on whether to invoke the privilege but on the scope of the privilege to be asserted.

The argument was won by the hard-liners on the president's legal team, who insisted that both executive privilege and lawyer-client privilege

applied to discussions between the president and his senior advisers. The president's lawyers broadened the claim to include discussions among White House advisers, even when the president was not present, lawyers said Monday. One analyst said that the White House ap-peared to have calculated that there would be

little public penalty to pay. This is a very unusual circumstance in which the claim of privilege carries very little political risk for the president," said Peter Shane, a constitutional authority and dean of the Uni-

versity of Pittsburgh School of Law. "The president's opponents say the invodation of privilege raises the specter of concealment or cover-up, but the polls don't seem to show that the public cares very much about that,"

Mr. Shane said. "When Nixon was making these claims people not deeply yeared in the correct of claims, people not deeply versed in the concept of executive privilege said that if he was covering up a burglary, that shouldn't be secret. But if Clinton is covering up a consensual sexual liaison, the people seem to be saying, more power to him; that's not illegitimate. They seem to think that this is secrecy where secrecy is O.K."

An Associate Of Ron Brown **Cites Funding** Link to Trade

By Edward Walsh and Peter Slevin Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — An indicted woman who was a business partner of former Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown testified in federal court that Mr. Brown complained to her about what he described as a White House-directed scheme to offer U.S. businesses places in overseas trade missions sponsored by the department in exchange for campaign contributions to President Bill Clinton and the Democratic Party.

Mr. Brown died in a plane crash in Croatia in 1996 while leading a trade mission.

The woman, Nolanda Hill, who on March 13 was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges that she diverted more than \$200,000 from companies she controlled to finance her shopping sprees, made that assertion in an afis talk and fidavit and testimony in a civil suit against the Commerce Department by Judicial Watch, a conservative group that is seeking to establish a link between the trade missions and campaign

"Ron told me that domestic companies were being solicited to donate large wind the sums of money in exchange for their - ___ difficult to: selection to participate on trade missions of the Commerce Department," Ms. Hill, a close friend of Mr. Brown, said in the Jan. 17 affidavit unsealed Monday.

*Ron expressed to me his displeasbecause the said, "that the purpose of the :: Thattack a Commerce trade missions had been, and was, being perverted at the direction of

Ms. Hill also asserted that Mr. Brown told her he had been instructed by a former White House chief of staff, Leon Panetta, and the current deputy chief of close a staff, John Podesta, to delay production of documents sought in the Judicial Watch lawsuit until after the 1996 election and not to comply with court orders

> A White House spokesman, Jim Kennedy, said, "Ms. Hill's allegations regarding Leon Panetta and John Podesta and the White House are false in every respect."

> Mr. Kennedy quoted Mr. Podesta as saying, "The only thing accurate in Ms. Hill's affidavit with respect to me and my conduct is the spelling of my name."

From his home in California, Mr. Panetta said of Ms. Hill's allegations: 'It's crazy. It's absolutely false."

Mr. Brown, a former Democratic National Committee chairman, was killed in a plane crash in Croatia in 1996 while leading a Commerce Department trade mission. The trade missions are highly valued by U.S. companies for the access

it gives them to foreign markets.
Judicial Watch filed its lawsuit to force the Commerce Department to produce documents on how participation in the trade missions was decided.

The testimony did not include the names of any businesses that Ms. Hill said were asked for contributions in return for a trade mission spot.



Nolanda Hill, leaving federal court in Washington after testifying in a civil case, during which she said Ron Brown had told her that the White House had sold places on overseas trade missions for campaign donations.

Bob Dole campaigns had violated

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has nine lives - and he's in his 11th.

They won't buy his act, once we

have a nominee who can defeat him.

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Russell Verney, chairman of the

Election law allows corporations

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DENVER — American Indians

angered by their exclusion from President Bill Clinton's race advis-

ory board disrupted a town meeting

"It was a slap in the face when we were left off the advisory board,"

said Darius Smith, an Indian who

was a panelist for the Monday night

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Race, angered the protesters when

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Perot Loses Ruling

WASHINGTON — The Federal

Election Commission has ruled

unanimously against Ross Perot's

claim that he should have been part

of the final televised debate of the

The commission gave no expla-

nation for its decision, which was name."

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Shielding the First Lady

Side Issue Emerges on Her Quasi-Official Role

By Susan Schmidt Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton's claim of executive privilege in the Monica Lewinsky investigation is intended in part to prevent prosecutors from inquiring about conversations that the White House aide Sidney Blumenthal had with Hillary Rodham Clinton, according to sources familiar with the

Mr. Clinton has invoked executive privilege in an effort to block Mr. Blumenthal and Bruce Lindsey, a deputy White House counsel, from having to answer certain questions before the grand jury examining whether the president engaged in perjury or obstruction of justice in the Paula Jones sexual

harassment lawsuit. Mr. Clinton is also asserting attorneyclient privilege to bar Mr. Lindsey from being required to answer some questions presented by the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr.

The central question in the dispute between Mr. Starr and the White House concerns the scope of a president's ability to protect the confidentiality of communications within his administration. Yet the involvement of Mrs. Clinton also raises the side issue of how the quasi-official role of first lady fits into the constitutional framework, a problem that has arisen regularly since she moved into the White House in 1993

with plans to restructure the nation's health-care system.

Her emergence in the executive privilege fight - which was the subject of closed-door oral arguments last week also underscores the extent to which Mrs. Clinton has been involved in White House efforts to contain any political and legal damage from the allegations that her husband engaged in sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky and other women.

The White House apparently maintained that Mr. Blumenthal's talks with her were protected from prosecutors under the same principle that covers discussions among White House officials talking about how to advise the pres-

An appeals court ruled last year in a case involving Mike Espy, the former agriculture secretary who has since been indicted on corruption charges, that executive privilege extends not only to communications involving the president himself but also to those of senior advisers. The question now may be whether the first lady counts as such an adviser in a legal sense.

"The reality is first ladies are part of the policy-making process of the White House even though they don't have the official capacity," said Mark Rozell, a political scientist at American University who has written a book on executive privilege. "Conceivably a case can be made that a first lady could be privy to conversations of a confidential nature."

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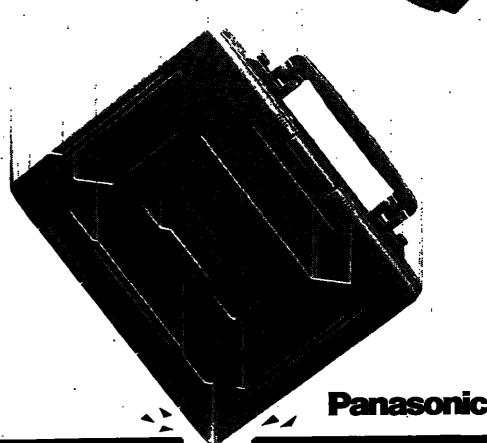
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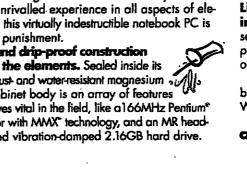
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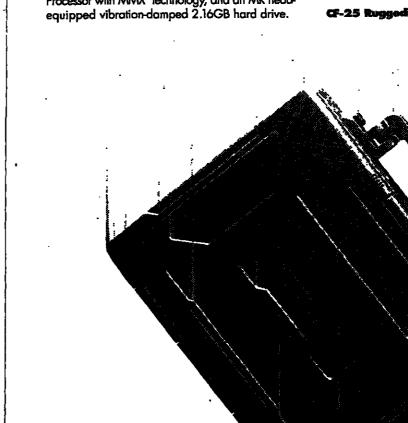
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New Rice Policies Sow Anger and Confusion

By Thomas Crampton International Herald Tribune

PEGU, Burma - In the future, San Thaung hopes everything in Burma goes the way of beans.

San Thanng, a lifelong rice farmer, started growing lentils about five years ago, after the government announced that beans could be sold for export. He has expanded his crop every year instead of planting more of the rice that he was being forced to sell at a discount to the government.

In the midst of the rice harvest in November, however, the government announced a new policy: All rice sales would be voluntary, taking place on the

The move was intended to make the government more popular among the rural population and push the economy toward a free-market system. It ended in failure when farmers withheld their rice from the markets because the harvest was poor and kept what they had for their families.

Though it was badly communicated and hastily executed, the liberalization of rice sales offers a look at the military government's faltering efforts to move Burma away from a socialist-style com-

When Burma dismantled a segment of the state-planned system of agriculture in 1988 after the current military government took over, bean exports quintupled in less than a decade. In

opening up the rice market in a similar manner, government planners hoped the fertile Irrawaddy River delta could be harnessed to lift the nation out of poverty in an agriculture-based economic boom, along the lines of what happened in Thailand.

Instead, policy flip-flops have left farmers angry and bewildered and some of them afraid they may go hungry this

"This year, the rice-collection system was different in every region," San Thaung said recently in his fields near Pegu, northeast of Rangoon. "We still had to sell a quota of rice to the government here, but I met some farmers from Rangoon district who said they did

not have to sell any quota at all."
For years, Burma's farmers had been required to sell 12 baskets of rice per acre at a discount to help feed the country's civil servants and soldiers. Even during the most bountiful har-vests from the 14 acres (nearly six hec-

tares) that he rents, San Thaung has had difficulty meeting the quota and still keeping enough rice to feed his family. This year it was even worse because

of flooding," he said, so when given the option not to sell their rice, most farmers The result was rice shortages. Some analysis estimate that the government

managed to buy less than one-third of the rice it needed before being forced to abandon the open-market system. "If the authorities hear me say this,



"Whenever you introduce a new sys-

they will be angry, but the fact is that we were told we did not have to sell rice," one of San Thaung's neighbors said. But then in January, they threatened to

send me to jail if I did not bring baskets of rice to the government depot." Government officials acknowledge there were difficulties with the new method but say they are determined to press on with reforms.

Maung Maung, a cabinet minister. More than 60 percent of the country's population is involved in agriculture, so

tem, people are reluctant and do not want to do it," said Brigadier General

any changes of policy regarding crops have far-reaching political con-

Another cabinet minister, General

David Abel, said the government was determined to stick to reforms of rice

At present, rice is considered a strategic crop with only limited internal trade allowed and no exports, apart from shipments sold by the government. These restrictions and the quota system have led to declining output.

Burma was the world's largest rice exporter in the years after World War II, but the country is expected to export almost no rice this year.

A measure of government's deter-mination to get the state out of the economy, analysts said, will come over the next few weeks as the planned liquidation of unprofitable government joint ventures takes place.

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develop various sectors of the economy, including construction, marine products and office supplies, the companies began as entities 50 percent owned by the government.

Because little interest has been shown in buying out the government's remaining shares in the failing companies, it was recently announced that the companies would have their assets auctioned

Tornado in India

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India Nationalists

Elect New Speaker

NEW DELHI- India's Hindu nationalist-led government scored its first victory in Parliament on

Tuesday, installing a lower house

speaker of its choice ahead of what is shaping up to be a close con-

But the election of Ganti Mohan

Chandra Balayogi, a lawmaker

from a regional party that broke

ranks with the opposition this

week, prompted an outcry from opposition groups.

Deputies voted with their voices

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NEW DELHI — A tornado tore through several villages in eastern India on Tuesday, killing 56 people and injuring at least 1,000, a news agency said.

Sixteen people died after a school building sheltering villagers collapsed in Balasore district in Orissa state, the Press Trust of India

The twister killed 40 other people in neighboring Midnapore district in West Bengal state, the Press Trust said. The tomado injured at least 1,000 people in Midnapore. (AP)

Macau Aide Killed

MACAU — A gunman killed a senior government official outside a hotel on Tuesday in the latest slaying linked to gang warfare over gambling in this Portuguese enclave near Hong Kong.

The police said the gunman es-

caped after shooting Francisco Amaral, the No. 3 man in the govemment's gambling regulatory

Mr. Amaral, 45, died instantly from a single shot to the neck outside the Lisboa Hotel in downtown Macau, the police said.



President Kim announcing changes Tuesday at the intelligence agency.

Seoul Purges Its Powerful Spy Agency

Agence France-Presse
SEOUL — South Korea's powerful intelligence agency began a housecleaning Tuesday as prosecutors expanded an investigation into allegations that its agents made secret deals with North Korea aimed at helping the former governing party cling to power. "The Agency for National Security

Planning plotted to use North Korea to prevent the then-opposition from win-ning the presidential election, as it has done before," President Kim Dae Jung

To prevent the agency from intervening in politics again, all but those who have stayed away from politics were replaced," a senior agency official said. In particular, the official said, political appointees linked either to former President Kim Young Sam's son, Kim Hyun

backgrounds were weeded out. The agency will also halve the size of its department of domestic political affairs. The purge was seen here as a bid by the new government to reform a powerful agency whose past has been tainted

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the agency was dismissing 28 of its 38 deputy heads. He also pledged that the top officials to reform its management. deputy heads. He also pledged that the overseas economic information and on monitoring North Korea.

The reforms were precipitated by the expanding inquiry into allegations that the country's former ruling camps and North Korea had orchestrated a smear campaign against Mr. Kim.

The agency's former chief, Kwon Young Hae, slashed himself with a blade during questioning Saturday by prosecutors. He was recovering in a hospital, officials said.

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Peter Taylor is a journalist who has covered Northern Ireland since his first horrific assignment there, to write about the "Bloody Sunday" killings of 14 Catholic civil rights marchers in Londonderry in 1972 by heavily armed British paratroopers. His exposures of the beating People are shot down on their doorsteps with spouses and children as witnesses; credibility with the republican movement, and "Behind the Mask" profits from it, producing firsthand testimo-

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The New York Times

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Algeria Convicts 8 In Bishop's Murder

ALGIERS - A court convicted eight alleged Islamic activists Tuesday in the murder of a French

bishop and his bodyguard and sen-

and found two others not guilty.

The court in the port city of Oran sentenced another suspected Muslim activist to three years in jail

The group had been charged with

planting the bomb that killed

Monsignor Henri-Pierre Claverie and his bodyguard, Mohammed Pouchikhi, in Oran on Aug. 1, 1996,

after they had attended a ceremony

for seven French monks also al-

legedly killed by Islamic radicals.

longing to any terrorist groups. El-even are in custody; a 12th suspect

remains at large but was convicted and was one of those sentenced to

U.S. Senators Get

Suspect Packages

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The FBI

on Tuesday was investigating two

packages laced with a black powder

that had been sent to the offices of

two U.S. senators and numbed the

Two members of the Columbus

office of Senator John Glenn, a

Democrat, suffered numbing, burn-

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the skin after handling the parcel, which also contained clothing and a

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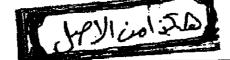
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But UN Chief Says Syria Remains 'Skeptical'

IERUSALEM - The Israeli defense minister on Tuesday urged the UN secrelary-general, Kofi Annan, to help win

how we can change the situation in Lebanon now," before any "unfortunate thing happens in South Lebanon."
"It is better to find a solution now,"

Israel has occupied a zone in southern Lehanon since 1985 to protect its northem seulements from cross-border guerrilla attacks. Mr. Mordechai has proposed that Israel withdraw its troops after obmining guarantees that the Lebanese Army will deploy in the south and prevent attacks by Hezbollah guerrillas.

The defense minister did not say what

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his meetings with Lebanese and Syrian officials. But the UN chief said earlier that Syria, the de facto power in Lebanese and Syrian that Syria, the de facto power in Lebanese and Syrian have already message Mr. Annan had brought from

Council Resolution 425 requires an inconditional Israeli pullout.

Mr. Annan met later Tuesday with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who told the UN chief that his government would soon approve the im-

plementation of Resolution 425. "We hope we finish the discussions in the cabinet next week," he said, "and

then I hope we will formally accept Resolution 425 for the first time since we were forced to go into Lebanon," The prime minister said he hoped Syria would not object further and would

allow this agreement to go through." On Monday, Mr. Annan met in the Gaza Strip with the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, who said he hoped the secretary-general could break the Israel-Palestinian deadlock as he resolved the Iraqi erisis last month. But Mr. Annan tried to play down expectations that he could move the negotiations forward.

In the final analysis, the parties have to talk, have to negotiate, have to make the compromises necessary," he said after talks with President Ezer Weizman, his first meeting in Israel.

"I sometimes used to call the area the 'Muddle East,' 'Mr. Weizman said. 'I hope you will help us unmuddle it.' More central than Mr. Annan to the

Israeli-Palestinian peace process is the U.S. envoy, Dennis Ross, who will travel to the region Wednesday, bringing suggestions for breaking the stalemate. Mr. Annan acknowledged the pivotal American role, saying he would do his

best to "help the process and to sup-U.S. efforts. Earlier Tuesday, Mr. Annan visited the Jabaliya refugee district in the Gaza Strip, where he was mobbed by Palestinians

waving Palestinian and UN flags and carrying pictures of the UN leader. Speaking at a special session Monday



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu escorting Secretary-General Kofi Annan to talks Tuesday in Jerusalem.

of the Palestinian legislative council, Mr. Annan said that a just and lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians must be based on the principle of Israel's yielding captured land in return for peace with its neighbors.

I urge all the parties concerned to work with them and to have the courage. vision and flexibility to make the kinds of compromises that are required to move the process forward," Mr. Annan said after meeting with Mr. Arafat.

"I will do my best, but we should be careful not to have exaggerated expectations of what the secretary-general can

do," he added. "A friend in New York called me a magician without tricks. You understand what limited capabilities a magician without tricks has got."

Mr. Annan noted that while he was backed by the threat of force in Iraq, he had no such power here.

The secretary-general's visit to Israel almost opened with a diplomatic squabble over his refusal to lay a wreath at the war memorial outside Parliament. but it was solved at the last minute.

Mr. Annan was to have laid a wreath at Yad Vashem, the memorial to the 6 million Jews murdered in the Nazi

Holocaust. His aides informed Israel that he lays only one wreath in each country he visits and therefore would not place one at the memorial for Israel's war dead, said a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, Aviv Shiron.

In the end, it was agreed that Mr. Annan's wife, Nane, would lay a wreath at Yad Vashem while the UN leader

would lay one at the war memorial. Nane Annan is a niece of Raul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved hundreds of Hungarian Jews from

deportation to the Nazi death camps.
(AP, AFP)

treated for their injuries Monday and released. A similar package - both appeared to have been mailed from somewhere in Vermont — was opened Monday in Burlington, Vermont, at the office of Senator Jim Jeffords, a Republican. No one was injured. Both senators were in Washington at the time of the in-

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cidents.

Five Rwandan nuns were freed by suspected Hutu rebels Tuesday, but two Spanish nuns who were abducted with them Sunday were still being held in a secret location, provincial authorities said. (Reuters)

Citing the Taleban, UN Will Leave South Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - The United Nations said Tuesday that it would suspend operations in southern Afghanistan because of its frustration with the Taleban Islamic militia and attacks on its staff by militia officials. Sarah Russell, a UN spokesman in Pakistan,

said the withdrawal meant the United Nations would temporarily halt programs to remove land mines, repair war-devastated irrigation systems and rebuild houses.

The decision to pull out of the south — the headquarters of the Taleban, which controls 85 percent of Afghanistan — came in response to the militia's edict that forces all foreign Muslim women working in the nation to be accompanied by a male relative, and to three attacks on UN staff members.

A UN aircraft was to leave Pakistan on Tuesday afternoon to evacuate 14 international UN workers from Kandahar in southern Afghanistan. An additional 120 Afghan UN workers have been told to stay at home, Ms. Russell said.

Mohammed Rabbani, a mullah who is leading a Taleban delegation in Pakistan to meet a special UN envoy, Lakhdar Brahimi, said his organization and the United Nations would form a commission to address the problems faced by UN workers in Afghanistan.

There are some rules and principles of the Islamic emirate," he said, referring to Afghanistan, "and there are some rules of the United Nations agencies. If these rules are observed, there will be no difficulties and

Since taking control of Kabul in 1996 the Taleban has instituted Sharia, or Islamic law, and issued a string of edicts, many of them directed at women, forcing them off their jobs, closing schools for girls and requiring them to cover themselves from head to toe. The punishment for defying the rules is usu-

ally a public beating.

Ms. Russell said the tension had been building between the Taleban and UN workers. A coffee pot was thrown at a UN staff member by a Taleban official, she said. Another UN official was slapped across the face, and a third employee was assaulted by a Taleban official with a small table. Last week, two Muslim women working for the United States were ordered to leave Kanda-(AP, Reuters)

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LONDON -- The auditorium was packed, the four panel speakers well dressed and sincere. Questioned on the evening's topic, the governing of London, they answered politely and carefully.

For a while. Then one panelist accused the minute conversion on a particular issue. A leaders. Tory jabbed back at a speaker from the "New" Labour Party - the national goveming party's reform-minded centrist wing: "Dear, it's lovely to see you coming out in

your real colors, you're so 'Old' Labour." More than 18 months before voters go to the polls, and before the campaign ground become London's first elected mayor.

When Prime Minister Tony Blair proposed the post last summer, many hoped it would be likely match at this point; the novelist and ress and politician Glenda Jackson, a Labourite and official in the Blair government.

There is wide agreement that the office of mayor of London will change the face of

the Greater London Group at the London ernor who is in the south of France writing his

member. It could be a very important al-

ternative center of power.' London's 5 million voters, he said, will be the largest bloc in Europe voting for one leader except for the people of France when they elect their president. Voters in most Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher did away European nations elect only their legislative two Conservative Party speakers of a last-representatives, who then select the national

The political process begins this week, when the Blair government will unveil its proposals for the powers of the mayor's office and the London assembly to be elected at the same time. The plan will move through Parliament, and London voters will approve or firefighting, urban regeneration and, to a lessreject it in a referendum May 7. The measure rules are even set down, the race is on to is expected to pass easily, and the first election is expected in late 1999.

The campaign is either a chance for the Conservatives to regain ground lost in their free of partisanship. No chance. Nearly all the defeat by the Labour Party last May or a major candidates are figures in the national chance for Labour to enact at municipal level Conservative or Labour parties. The most the decentralization it has pushed in Scotland and Wales. London voters are not preponpolitician Jeffrey Archer, a Tory, vs. the act-derantly for one party or another; the race is ress and politician Glenda Jackson, a La-wide open. Even the third party, the Liberal Democrats, is given a chance to win.

Possible candidates for the Tories include Mr. Archer, an irascible figure who has some British politics.

popular support but is disliked by the media, and Chris Patten, the former Hong Kong govand Chr

comment on a candidacy until after the referendum) and Ken Livingstone, a leftist former chairman of the Greater London Council.

That Labour-dominated council was the elected body governing London until thenwith it in 1985 because it opposed her politically.

Whoever wins will preside over a sprawling agglomeration with roughly the same population as New York City but, at 1,620 square kilometers (620 square miles), twice the size. The new mayor is expected to be given authority over public transport, roads, police, er degree, arts and the environment.
"The idea is that he or she will become a

leading activist for creation of the mayor's post. Mr. Jenkins is rumored to be a candidate himself, he says be will not comment until calls "a hands-on job." after the referendum.

London is booming. But Mr. Jenkins said the city had suffered from being run by varions fragments of the national government. The subway system has deteriorated, and the police forces are perceived as poorly run.

"When you scratch away at the surface, there are things that need doing," Mr. Jenkins said. "London couldn't stage a bid for the Olympic Games because there was no one to Blair to become transport minister.

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School of Economics, "is the politician who memoirs. From Labour, most frequently men-bid." A few years ago, some in the capital is elected will rank as high as a senior cabinet tioned are Ms. Jackson (who says she will not wanted London to compete for the summer Games in 2000, which will be held in

Another example is that 72 government agencies play a role in managing London's transportation system. A bicycle path that was designed to go through the city stops, starts and is interrupted in places because of uncommitted local jurisdictions.

Many say the cliché that London is a collection of villages is still true and will stay true even after a mayor is elected. It is a conglomeration of 32 boroughs plus the City of London financial district, which has appointed its own Lord Mayor each year for more than 800 years. That system will continue.

Mr. Archer, a former deputy chairman of "The idea is that he or she will become a focus of activity on all fronts," said Simon Jenkins, a columnist for The Times and a adviser to Queen Elizabeth II—as well as a millionaire from his books - is one of the few

He has an 89-person unpaid campaign

Ms. Jackson won two Academy Awards for her movie roles and — as the press has recalled frequently — played Elizabeth I in the 1971 film "Mary, Queen of Scots." She was elected to the House of Commons in 1992, became the opposition spokeswoman for transport and was picked last year by Mr.



BRIEFLY

COLLISION IN ITALY — Cars blocking tracks near Florence on Tuesday after two trains collided, killing a passenger and injuring 36 others.

General Strike Looms in Greece

ATHENS - Labor unions began turning up the heat on the Socialist government Tuesday; announcing a general strike over plans to streamline the economy and sell off

state-owned firms.

The General Confederation of Greek Workers said it would call a 24-hour nationwide strike, probably April 9. The federation took particular aim at the government's

plans for Olympic Airways.

The government has told the financially ailing airline it must save 250 billion drachmas (\$775 million) over five years or close down.

Ireland Calls for Compromise

BELFAST - Ireland's foreign minister, David Andrews, called Tuesday for a speedy compromise in peace talks on the future of British-ruled Northern Ireland. Mr. Andrews said he hoped a series of one-to-one

meetings involving rival parties would yield progress toward a settlement by a deadline of April 9.
"We know what the fundamental and core issues are,

and I think that we have to arrive now at a series of compromises arising out of these bilaterals." he said on the second day of a make-or-break three-week round of The wife a newspar of (Reuters)

Turkish Court Rebuffs Erbakan

ANKARA -- The chief prosecutor Tuesday rejected a plea by former Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan for the Constitutional Court to reconsider its decision to close down his Islamic party.

Mr. Erbakan contended that the constitutional principle of a right to self-defense had been violated when the justices failed to ask him and other party leaders to defend their speeches and actions that were cited as reasons for the

But the chief prosecutor, Vural Savas, ruled there was no legal standing for the appeal. "The Constitutional Court's decisions are final according to the constitution,' he said. "Its decisions cannot be appealed."

UN Envoy Prods Cyprus Rivals

ANKARA - The United Nations' special envoy to Cyprus expressed determination Tuesday to restart negotiations for the unification of the divided island.

"The search for a peace settlement must continue," the envoy, Diego Cordovez, said after meeting with Foreign Minister Ismail Cem of Turkey. "We shall not stop; we shall not let this situation continue for any longer.

The UN-brokered negotiations have been deadlocked since August. Mr. Cordovez met separately last week with Glafcos Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, and Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader Mr. Cordovez said he would report the outcome of his

mission to the UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan. "Probably we will have also a report to the Security Council on this matter," he said, "and I would probably come back to the area quite soon in order to find a way to revitalize these negotiations.

Antonio Ribeiro Dies, **Was Primate of Lisbon**

The Associated Press LISBON — Cardinal Antonio Ribeiro, 69, the Roman Catholic Cardinal of Lisbon his play "Strip me who was known for his efforts in 1960. The play did not get a the press had the p to modernize the powerful Catholic Church in Portugal, battle against cancer.

Before his appointment as cardinal in 1971, he was a popular public figure through his weekly religious television programs from 1959 to 1967.

His discreet lobbying and moderate opinions in the tur- the course of 30 years at the bulent period around the 1974 Lion's Head bar and restaurant Revolution, which toppled the 41-year dictatorship, won him broad support in the church.

Beverley Cross, 66, **British Playwright**

and screenwriter who helped on her illustrious acting career east Asia during a 17-year ca for whom it and married her 15 years later, reer at The New York Times. Was shade died at his home Friday.

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tender to famous writers, mayors, stockbrokers, seamen. singers or any guy who dropped in off the street over in New York, died Sunday in Fall River, Massachusetts. where he was undergoing treatment for cancer.

Greg MacGregor, 85, a LONDON (AP) - Bever- foreign correspondent who ley Cross, 66, the playwright reported on the Korean War as well as economic and politlaunch Dame Maggie Smith ical developments in Southdied of cancer Sunday in The cause of death was not Pompano Beach, Florida.

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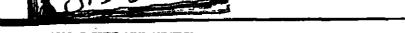
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U.S. Faces Uphill Battle on Kosovo

By William Drozdiak leishington Post Service

COLOGNE — Secretary State Madeleine Albright urged the major powers Tuesday to step up sanctions against President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia until he shows greater cooperation in defusing the conflict with the troubled province of

But as she arrived here Tuesday to prepare for a crucial meeting in Bonn on Wednesday with the six-nation

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Only Britain shares the mands. U.S. view that Mr. Milosevic, whose rump nation consists of Serbia and Montenegro, is more likely to respond to autonomy to 1.8 million eth-nic Albanians, who make up She insisted that 90 percent of Kosovo's popthe David to ulation, and the withdrawal from Kosovo of special Serbian police units that killed 80 the lease ethnic Albanians in a crackdown on separatists:

The other members of the Germany, Italy and Russia. have expressed varying degrees of satisfaction with Mr. Milosevic's behavior since the group agreed to sanctions against Yugoslavia at its preright front vious meeting in London on

harden At that meeting, the group agreed to consider a compre-15965 to the hensive arms embargo plying equipment that could be used for repression, a denial of visas to Yugoslav officials involved in the crack-

credits to Belgrade for trade Kosovo information center said they had retaliated when and investment.

Since the meeting, the Serbian police units have been confined to their barracks and to flee attack by heavy Albanian demonstrators have been allowed to conduct peaceful protests. Mr. Milosevic has also promised that Kosovo Albanians will soon be able to study at schools and universities for the first time since autonomy was rescinded eight years ago.

During a six-hour stopover to consult with Italy's foreign minister, Lamberto Dini Contact Group monitoring Mrs. Albright said these ac-Yugoslavia, Mrs. Albright tions have not been sufficient appeared to be waging a to ease international pressure lonely campaign to persuade and called on the rest of the the other members of the Contact Group to maintain group to sustain a tough at-sanctions until Yugoslavia complies fully with its de-

"We have seen too many diplomatic efforts fail to believe that President Milosevic will respond to positive pressticks rather than carrots in sure alone," she said. "And if meeting the Contact Group's we give him even a shadow of meeting the Contact Group's we give him even a shadow of thing demands. These include a se- a glimmer of a hint that he has rious effort to restore political done enough, he will as-

She insisted that Mr. Milosevic has stopped far short of doing what is necessary. "Serbian security police are digging in, not pulling out, Milosevic has still not committed himself to unconditional dialogue; aid workers Latitude sources. Contact Group - France, continue to be harassed, and the list goes on," she said. In contrast, Mr. Dini

praised Mr. Milosevic as taking some steps in the right direction and said there was no reason for the group to be "entirely dissatisfied" with Yugoslavia's behavior over the past two weeks.

Fighting in Kosovo

Serbian police and ethnic Albanians in Kosovo on Tuesday, Reuters reported from Pristina, Yugoslavia. down and an end to export

Papon a Scapegoat, Top Defender Says

BORDEAUX - The chief lawyer for Maurice Papon, the accused Nazi collaborator, said Tuesday that charges against his client were shreds" and that the trial was a farce aimed at exorcising

> Il collaboration. The lawyer, Jean-Marc Varant, lead attorney for the defense team, began his threeday final argument ahead of a verdict at the end of the week, elling the Bordeaux court that Mr. Papon was a scapegoat for

France's guilt for World War

This trial is a way of freeing us from our collective
shame, of choosing a second sname, of choosing a scape-goat?" Mr. Varant said. "But a simple court decision will not make Vichy go away.

Mr. Varaut said that although the press had demonized his client, six months of debate had succeeded in proving Mr. Papon's innocence.

"The charges are in streds," he said. "What was clarity has now become a cloud of questions."

ordering the arrest for deportation of 1,560 Jews, 223 of them children, when he was the second highest-ranking official in the Bordeaux region and supervisor of its Service for Jewish Questions.

Mr. Varant described the Vichy collaborationist regime as a "legal, republican state" and Mr. Papou as a civil ser-· vant who dutifully and appro-

priately respected it. "One must understand the culture of these officials at the time, for whom the highest honor was obedience to the state, he said. "This love of the law anesthetized people's

"He is responsible, but not guilty," he said.

In serving the Vichy regime of Marshal Philippe Petain, voted into power after the Nazis defeated and humiliated France, Mr. Papon may have helped carry out a plan to exchide Jews from society, but not to exterminate them, Mr. Varant said.

anti-Semitism "Vichy's was one of exclusion, which aimed to take the Jews out of the civil service, teaching, law, medicine and journa-"he said "But it was not Hitler's biological racism."

Mr. Varant said no other contemporary tragedy had preoccupied historians and artists to such an extent, inspiring films and books "to the point of an overdose, which symbolizes the extent of our pain and our shame."

Civil plaintiff lawyers, whose week of final arguments concluded March 16, accused Mr. Varant of historical revisionism.

When he speaks of an 'overdose,' it is a negationist discourse," said Alain Jakubowicz, a lawyer for Jewish Mr. Papon, 87, is accused of organizations. "After weeks of trying to appear legitimate, his true nature comes to the surface: He's a man of the extreme-right."

Mr. Papon went on after the war to serve as Paris police chief from 1958 to 1967, then as budget minister in 1978 until his wartime record surfaced in a newspaper report in May 1981.

The first charges were filed against him immediately af terward, but legal proceedings were repeatedly obstructed by the administration of President François Mitterrand, who was reluctant to see France's warnime collaboration dredged up.

Albright Upbeat on Moscow Shake-Up

U.S. to Continue 'Very Good' Relationship With Russia, She Says

COLOGNE - The U.S. secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, on Tuesday defended Boris Yeltsin's right to dismiss his entire cabinet and said the Rus-sian leader was "in charge."
"We are obviously watching what is

going on," Mrs. Albright said in Rome before meeting in Cologne with the Rus-sian foreign minister. "The president is in charge and he has, as a democratically elected leader, the ability to change his

Mr. Yeltsin dismissed his government Monday, but most of the ministers were expected to keep their jobs, in-cluding Foreign Minister Yevgeni Pri-

Mr. Primakov reassured Mrs. Al-bright that good relations with the United States remained a top priority.

"President Yeltsin has asked me to underscore the fact that Russia's foreign policy will remain unchanged and will not be affected by the changes in the government," Mr. Primakov said before escorting Mrs. Albright to a private dinner at which they planned to discuss the Kosovo crisis and other hot spots.

Mr. Primakov said the new government would push for early ratification of the START-2 arms treaty and seek to promote further cuts in strategic offensive weapons.

He also said the work of the U.S.-Russia economic commission, which was begun in 1993 under Vice President Albert Gore and Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin would not be disrupted by Mr. Chernomyrdin's departure.

Mrs. Albright's meeting with Mr. Primakov precede a gathering Wednesday of the Contact Group of major powers to discuss the Serbian crackdown on ethnic

Albanians in Kosovo. Mr. Albright said in Rome she was looking forward to "continuing what is a very good working relationship with the Russian Federation." Her positive tone came despite increasing differ-ences between Washington and Moscow on international issues, including how to ensure that Yugoslavia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, complies with demands by the major powers that he withdraw special police units from Kosovo and start meaningful, unconditional negotiations with ethnic Al-banians in the province. (Reuters, AP)

■ A Surprise for Clinton

Thomas W. Lippman of The Washigton Post reported from Washington: The scope of Mr. Yeltsin's houseaning caught the Clinton administration by surprise, but President Clinton and other senior officials said they

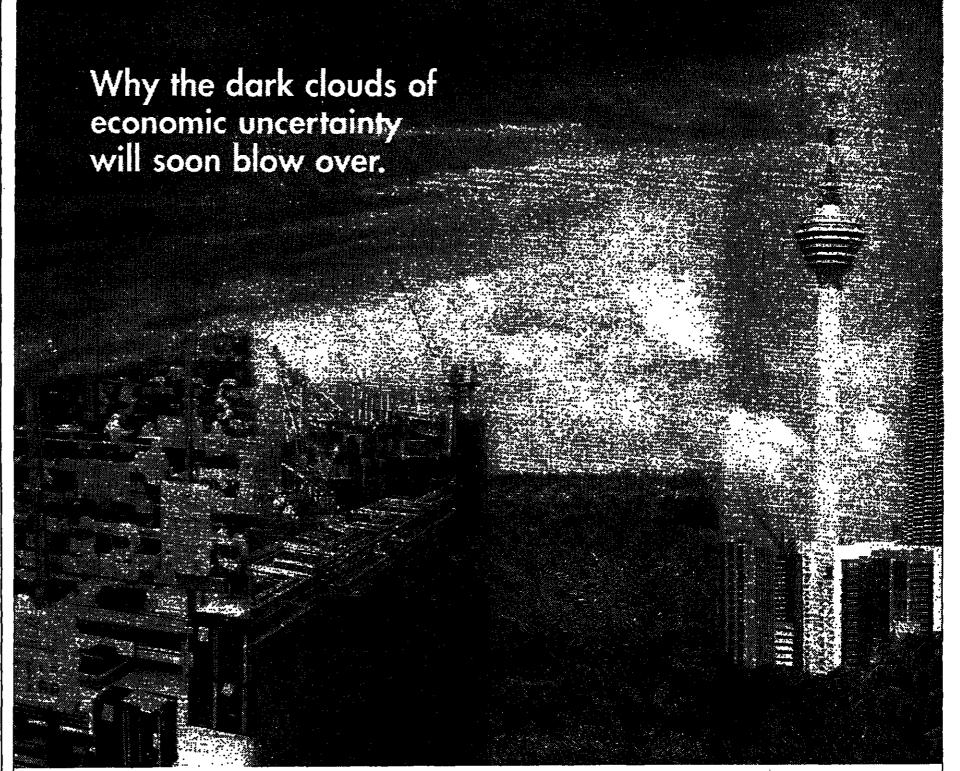
had no reason to fear problems ahead in U.S.-Russia relations.

Administration officials said Mr. Yeltsin's decision to dismiss his cabinet was a matter of Russian domestic politics, and they are inclined to accept Mr. Yeltsin's assurances that the shake-up does not signal a change in Russia's foreign policy or a retreat from eco-

"We hope that the general direction of policy will be unaffected by this," Mr. Clinton said to reporters in Africa. "And I have no reason to believe that anything different will occur in a way

that's at all adverse to the partnership we've been building with Russia." U.S. officials who participated in working sessions with Mr. Chernomyrdin said they had no indication that the prime minister's days were numbered.

Through their economic commission, Mr. Gore and Mr. Chernomyrdin set up a network of officials in several cabinet departments and emphasized the development of personal relationships among those officials that could survive changes at the top. But when Russian officials encountered bureaucratic or political difficulties in carrying out agreements made in the commission, it was Mr. Chernomyrdin who was called on to get things done.



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Chirac Speech Increases Pressure Over Le Pen Deals

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

PARIS - President Jacques Chirac's dramatic television appeal to fellow conservatives to renounce support from the extreme-right National Front in newly elected regional assemblies increased pressure Tuesday on five maverick regional leaders to resign because they had accepted votes from the Front to win their posts.

"I have heard Chirac's message," said Jean-Pierre Soisson, one of the five members of the conservative Union for French Democracy who defied his party's instructions and won regional assembly leadership posts with National Front votes. The party has suspended all

Asked if he would resign as chairman of the regional assembly in Burgundy, Mr. Soisson said he would meet with the others Wednesday and make a decision.

Former Defense Minister Charles Millon, who accepted National Front votes to become chairman of the regional parliament in Lyon, said nothing Tuesday but had lunch with that city's mayor, former Prime Minister Raymond Barre, who has called on Mr. Millon to put an end to "this unhealthy situation."

In his brief appearance on national television on Monday night, Mr. Chirac described the National Front as "racist and xenophobic by nature."

Mr. Millon, denying in an article written for Le Monde that he had struck any formal agreement on a program with the Front, described its leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, as "a fanatic, a fascist from the 1920s cast up in our time."

Mr. Le Pen rea fed by calling on Mr. Millon to resign, and on Tuesday he de-scribed Mr. Chirac's televised attack as "an appeal to violence against patriots."

Leftist and student groups plan demonstrations against the National Front in major cities this weekend.

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addressing the National Assembly in Paris during a one-day visit Tuesday. Speaking in French, he said that Britain's future lay in Europe and that it would join the single currency when its economy was ready.

sired effect of getting many people to think harder about a party that now routinely garners more than 15 percent of the national vote, on a program that describes the presence of 3.5 million immigrants as a major cause of both unemployment and crime and calls for them all to be progressively returned to their countries of origin.

The largest single group of immi-grants are Muslims from former French colonies in North Africa, whose strange ways and religion, the National Front says, are not French at all. The Front has only one member of the

national Parliament, but is represented in to elect another c. regional assemblies because they use a proportional representation system. The Socialist prime minister, Lionel Jospin, said Tuesday that the system would be and would probably stand to win the five re-examined, as Mr. Chirac had asked in his speech.

The Front also has four mayors in the new elections are held. south of France. In the town of Vitrolles, near Marseille, it has begun giving special 5,000 franc (\$830) "birth allowances" to families that have children,

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Mr. Chirac's brief speech had the de- but not to immigrants. National authorities asked an administrative court on Tuesday to invalidate the measure as unconstitutionally discriminatory.

Mr. Chirac's remarks also apparently affected the outcome of the voting early Tuesday for the presidency of the key Ile-de-France region around Paris.
When former Prime Minister Edouard

Balladur dropped out of the running last week, after leading Mr. Chirac's Rally for the Republic party and its Union for French Democracy allies to a poor show-ing in the March 15 election, the conservatives were unable to round up enough votes without the National Front A Socialist, Jean-Paul Huchon, won the post instead.

Socialists earlier won the chairmanships of five other regional assemblies. assemblies taken by an invotives with the Front's help it die ic. — 5 resign and

In the elections, leftist parties out-polled the conservatives by 39.6 percent to 35.6 percent nationwide, while the National Front won 15.5 percent.

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FRONT: France's Real Bugbear Is Change, Not the Extreme Right

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injuries to French democracy makes the

problems seem like political routine. The opposite is true. On a scale of national psychic calamities since the end of World War II, the willingness of a group of democratically elected politideals with the National Front is unique. Le Monde described the group, which included a former defense minister and another cabinet minister who served governments both left and right, as being tellectual establishment that reacts to the direct descendants of "those who said they preferred Hitler to the Popular Front" government.

The context was breathtaking: The National Front's political coup coincided with the prosecution's closing arguments in the trial for crimes against humanity of Maurice Papon, the former Vichy government official and cabinet minister under President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who is

occupation. A mirror revealing French historical accer reality in the face of the legend of a nation of Resistance fighters, the trial trol. could only reinforce the embarrassment of a new attempt at collaboration be-

tween a part of respectable France and

the forces of racism and anti-Semitism. Yet outside the narrow framework of political maneuvering, and the obvious references to unemployment and crime, little has been discussed in France about the broader circumstances in which the National Front, a symbol of regression, gained enough credibility to create a spectacle that Mr. Chirac said astonished

the rest of the world. The fact is that both major political currents in France, left and right, spend much of their essential energies in defending what they insist must not change. In finding Anglo-Saxon-in-spired upset in the globalization of the world economy, in the flexibility of labor markets or the domination of the English language in the world's cultural exchange, the political establishment has legitimized the idea of cabals and occult forces working to repress France. In this context, France must above all

This attitude, now a functioning (although largely unavowed) ideology in French mainstream politics, has substantiated in their last period in office, the French mainstream politics, has substanand racist remedies for France's problems in creating jobs and safe streets, can be seen as a perverted echo of an instruct within the democratic political and in-novation.

change as a threat to French identity.

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accused of complicity in the death of thousands of Jews during the German does nonetheless reflect a discomfort act, disconnected from idealism and inwith modernity here that equates the accelerating pace of change in the world with faraway forces out of French con-

This reality is often expressed in the positions France takes in international affairs. In the last weeks, both the Socialist government and Mr. Chirac, the Gaullist president, have been entirely on the same line in bitterly rejecting a proposed trans-Atlantic free-trade agreement between Europe and the United States that Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany has described as a taking regional presidencies on the positive plan for change in relations between the two continents.

In finding a certain national satisfaction and legitimacy in maintaining stances that reflect a past and French strengths that no longer exist - leaning, to react. for example, toward Iraq and away from the United States and Britain in the latest crisis involving Saddam Hussein -France runs the risk of signaling to a necessary election-law changes to keep home audience that the old ways can be the National Front further from power. home audience that the old ways can be defended and that deals with the devil are there for the finessing.

The same resistance to change appears in the failure of both the democratic left and right to create a new sense to challenge France's notions of greatof political mission for the country, a

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tially legitimized the refusal to accept parties of the democratic right, voted our new circumstances at every level of so- after Mr. Chirac dissolved the National ciety. The National Front's attacks on the Assembly last year in precisely the kind development of a multiracial France, its of political manipulation be denounced eagerness to find foreign encroachment in his speech to the nation Monday right, cians to save their own jobs by striking in every aspect of life, its protectionist did little to abandon the statist capitalism that served France's redevelopment until the 1980s, but lost ground in an era of: opening markets and private sector in-

The right offered a half-tint vision of the past, focusing on old enemies, mo-However nonrepresentative of the bilizing little entinesiasm and, for the the left-wing prewar French opinions of a large majority of the most part, avoiding head-on confrontation with the National Front:

Since it took power 10 months ago, the left has been more Old Socialist than anything akin to the new notions of social democracy taking root in Britain, and now, very possibly in Germany. Perhaps even more importantly than enraging the business community, the Socialists' plan for a 35-hour

spiring next to no one. In a country mosure of its national sense of purpose, and one often asso-

ciating change with things making the French feel less themselves, it was no longer inconceivable that the National Front, an emblem of aggressive immobility, could find new friends:

Now, after the deals last week that let democratic regional councils become the hostage of a party with fascist reflexes, a number of politicians numed their backs Monday on the possibility of strength of National Front support. They have been widely praised, and the president, warning that "I feel the country is losing the sense of things," urged France to realize that the time has come

For all this, the current danger hardly seems to lie in the chance that the political mainstream will fail to find the Rather, it is in the prospect that no one within the political establishment will use the new possibility for reassessing how the country reached its predicament ness and its deepest problems.

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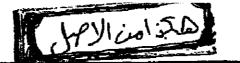
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Debtor

Case No. 97 B 48535 (JHG) (Chapter 11)

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Shake-Up in Moscow

Revival of Reform?

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister abruptly fired by President Boris Yeltsin on Monday, was an apt representative of Russia's ambivalence about reform, which is perhaps why he lasted so long. He took office in December 1992 as an antidote to the radical young reformers who had frightened so many Russians, and he spent five years projecting an image of uninspired and mediocre stability. He proclaimed himself a supporter of reform, and to a point he seemed to learn on the job. But the former Communist apparatchik in him was never far below the surface, and his inbred caution often served to slow or block needed change. The consequent policy muddle has held Russia back.

Most of industry is now privatized, but land still cannot be legally bought and sold. Young Russians tool around Europe and the Internet, but Communists and nationalists who resent the West still dominate Parliament, Foreign investment is both courted and feared. As a result, after six full years of transition Russia's economy remains bogged down, while nations that more decisively cast off their Communist ways, like Poland or Estonia, resumed

economic growth long ago.
Is that why Mr. Yelisin fired his loval prime minister, along with the rest of the cabinet? It is impossible to say for sure; Kremlinology did not die with the Soviet Union. The president may have been acting in part to show that, recent illnesses notwithstanding, he remains decisive and in charge. In

keeping with his long-standing tradi-tion of never allowing any potential challenger to gain too much stature, he may have decided that the prime minister had consolidated too much power. Or he may have realized that Mr. Chernomyrdin, a hopelessly dull politician, was a failure as heir apparent and that it was time to groom someone else as successor for the next presidential election in the year 2000.

It is at least possible, though, that Mr. Yeltsin fired Mr. Chernomyrdin for the reason he stated in his brief television address on Monday: "to make economic reforms more energetic and effective." The president praised his prime minister for "solidity and reliability," but faulted Mr. Chernomyrdin's team for a lack of "dynamism, initiative, new viewpoints, fresh approaches and ideas, without which a powerful spurt in the economy is simply not possible."

Because Mr. Chernomyrdin's ambivalence was so reflective of his society's, any new initiative is likely to spark a counterreaction, any zig to be followed by a zag. The instability discomfits many — Vice President Al Gore, who invested so much in his relationship with Mr. Chernomyrdin: financial investors, who dumped Russian stocks in an initial panic at the news of the government's sacking: business interests who see the prospect of tax reform and other needed changes pushed back again. But instability may be an acceptable price to pay if this latest unexpected zig goes in the direction of re-energized reform.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

No Quick Fixes

Russia's president, Boris Yeltsin, is turning the abrupt dismissal of top govgoverning style. On Monday, only recently back at work after a severe respiratory infection, he surprised Russia and the world by dismissing his prime minister, Viktor Chemomyrdin, along with his entire cabinet. Mr. Yeltsin's achievements over the years have been impressive, but his increasingly mercurial leadership, marked by erratic pronouncements, frequent health crises and sudden removal of top aides, now threatens to undermine Russia's political stability and the confidence of foreign governments and investors.

As acting prime minister Mr. Yeltsin chose Sergei Kiriyenko, a 35year-old technocrat associated with Boris Nemtsov, one of the most reform-minded members of the Chernomyrdin government. No sharp lurches in economic or foreign policy are likely, and many ministers and officials are expected to return in old or new roles. But Mr. Chemomyrdin's departure instantly scrambles the outlook for the 2000 presidential election smooth succession should Mr. Yeltsin's health further deteriorate.

Mr. Yeltsin blamed the Chernomyrdin government for failing to trans-

late its economic reforms into a better life for ordinary Russians. That is a fair indictment in a country where life expectancy is shrinking, public services are collapsing and paydays are fre-quently payless. But by some economic measures the Chernomyrdin government has not performed badly. It has halted the long slide in output and has controlled inflation. It is still struggling to get taxes paid, although it recently moved to collect from some of the bigger corporate holdouts. It has strengthened ties with the United States through twice-a-year meetings of the Gore-Chemomyrdin commission.

These policies are likely to continue under Mr. Kiriyenko and his still-tobe-chosen permanent successor. But so, too, is the pervasive corruption that stained the Chernomyrdin record. Seven giant banking and business groups have close ties to the country's most powerful political leaders, and Mr. Yeltsin's own re-election campaign was largely financed by these busi-nessmen and bankers. They have been rewarded with chances to scoop up shares in former state enterprises at well below market rates.

Unfortunately, there are no quick fixes for most of the sufferings that nave şoured many Kussi But reform would surely be helped by more confidence-inspiring political leadership, from Mr. Yeltsin on down.

A Feminist Dilemma

The feminist movement has been As legal analysis, that may be sound. called to judge whether Bill Clinton is worthy of its allegiance. These are not the first supporters to feel squeezed between principles and an alliance with the president. Welfare advocates and environmentalists have faced similar conflicts. But the feminist response to the women accusing the president has posed with special sharpness the question of philosophical sellout.

Within feminist circles there has been obvious reluctance to denounce the president or support his accusers, given his sworn denials and the fact that his political opponents also oppose a liberal agenda on women's rights. But the public and the media expect feminists to be militant about sexual misconduct, whether or not any law is violated. The hypocrisy charge is sticking because some feminist leaders are making distinctions between Mr. Clinton's behavior and past accusations of sexual harassment against Justice Clarence Thomas and former Senator Bob Packwood.

Gloria Steinem (Opinion, March 24) has argued that Mr. Clinton's alleged actions against Paula Jones and Kathleen Willey did not amount to sexual harassment because he took "no" for an answer after a single crude overture.

Sexual harassment law is still quite new, and its contours have not been defined with precision by the Supreme Court. In general, a plaintiff would have to show that sexual demands were made in exchange for employment benefits, or that the bad conduct was so pervasive that it created a "hostile or abusive" work environment. The Clinton legal team says Mrs. Jones cannot show that she suffered any harm. Mrs. Willey's accusation may not meet that legal standard, either.

But social pressures have greatly restricted the acceptable range for sexual talk or gestures by men in the workplace. That has been a healthy development, based on years of legal work and exhortation by women's advocacy groups. The Clinton case raises the very real possibility that if the president is seen as getting away with gross behavior, more bosses will feel free to behave abominably.

We doubt that Ms. Steinern meant to advocate a new kind of "no harm, no foul" mentality in the workplace. But that is the dangerous implication of her analysis. Any erosion of hard-won progress should concern women's advocates everywhere.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES

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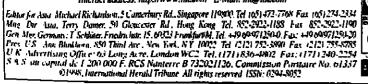
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Stop Touting China as Asia's Leader and Savior

HONG KONG—The United States and China have found a new theme that suits both their interests: Place crisis on Japan, while praising China.

Barely a day goes by without gushing remarks in the West about China's "responsible" attitudes and "cooperative" approach. By keeping its currency stable and stimulating demand at home, China, so goes the thesis, is doing what the Asian region wants and needs, while Japan does nothing.

Some commentators have decided that China is now the leading power in Asia. Morgan Stanley's chief economist, Stephen Roach, asserted that a "new Asian leadership is emerging in the wake of the crisis.

Such praise of China adds up to a strategic equivalent of the late China foreign investment boom, into which so many Westerners were sucked, to the detriment of the "shareholder value" that is supposed to rule in the Anglo-Saxon world.

The adulation would surely amaze no one more than Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, a critic of the investmenthanker-driven bubble economics that badly hurt China in 1993-1994 and has devastated Southeast Asia.

Mr. Zhu's strength is a no-nonsense

By Philip Bowring

maximum blame for Asia's economic grasp of China's economic realities and of the huge task of making Chinese enterprises commercially competent, market-driven and large enough to compete internationally.

China has played its international cards well. It has suggested that its commitment, for now, to hold the yuan steady is driven by neighborly feelings and global responsibility. It has parlayed this into a promise of major concessions from the West on entry into the World Trade Organization.

China's neighbors are grateful for these small mercies. However, they are aware that its policies are driven by self-interest, which will change. China is more a competitor than a solution to their problems.

China's 1994 devaluation was one of several roots of regional distress. Its incentives to foreign investment and its favors to ethnic Chinese are others.

Chinese growth has been important to the rest of Asia, but China is still an insignificant and highly protected market for Southeast Asian manufacturers. Another devaluation remains a possibility next year if exports stagnate and domestic stimulus is inadequate.

China's policies will be determined nomy. But this mutual back-scratching by the demands of a huge and difficult is of little value to the rest of Asia. domestic agenda.

China's relative immunity from the Asian contagion despite huge overcapacity, cronyism and a worse banking system than Indonesia's has been due mainly to the power of the state (to prop up banks and state enterprises and prevent capital outflow), not to the strength of local enterprise.

China has huge foreign exchange reserves, but these are largely held in U.S. government securities. It has done nothing to alleviate dollar shortages elsewhere in Asia.

China's reserves policy is sensible. It recognizes that its foreign exchange surplus is probably temporary and should be kept in safe and liquid instruments. Large reserves acquired over a short time can, as Thailand found, diminish almost as fast.

There is a symbiotic relationship now between America and China. Washington can regard ever growing Chinese trade surpluses as relatively benign so long as reserves are reinvested in U.S. instruments. China can make some concessions on the World Trade Organization or promise not to devalue the yuan so long as the U.S. market can provide a spur to its eco-

Technology, competitiveness of firms and sustained savings surpluses that can be invested long-term are what count among the neighbors.

Asian countries are frustrated by Japan's inability to stimulate its economy or resolve its banking crisis, which has spilled into the region. They suffer from a weak yen and stagnant imports. They believe that Tokyo failed to take a leadership role when the crisis struck. But ultimately the region knows that

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it has little to learn from China in economics or politics and almost nothing in industry or education. However flawed their financial and corporate structures, Japan, and to a lesser degree Taiwan and South Korea, remain the Asian examples for the rest of Asia. They are the only non-Western

sources of capital and technology, and of firms that have numbled U.S. and European competitors. China is a generation of further reform away from spawning a Samsung or an Acer, let alone a Honda. China's success in recent years has

been its willingness to stop trying to be a leader and follow others' examples. It remains a follower.

When Beijing Is the Issue, London Should Be Less Atlantic

LONDON — The young man was taking his examination to enter the Foreign Office. His inquisitors threw him a hardball: "What do you think are the most important things in the world?" The applicant thought a moment and answered: "Love and Anglo-American relations."

Raymond Seitz tells the anecdote in his new book "Over Here." He does not guarantee that it took place. But it is a good story and a good book by Mr. Seitz, the American ambassador here from 1991 to 1994, a best-seller for Weidenfeld & Nicholson, and proof of how interested the British are in at least the second part of the applicant's answer.

The moment Mr. Seitz was appointed by President George Bush in 1991 he became a historic figure — the first U.S. career diplomat to be named ambassador to Britain. President Bill Clinton kept him on a

year and then returned to the tradition of rewarding impor-

tant political backers. My British friends say their system of rewarding faithful supporters of the party in power with a seat in the House of Lords, or a Gartership, is much wiser, since neither are nearly as important as ambassadorial posts.

But some of the best Amer-

ican ambassadors I have known, from Ellsworth Bunker in the India of the '50s to Felix Roharyn in the France of the '90s, have been businessmen who received presidential political appointments. Some of the worst ambassadors, from a cowardly sort in Communist Poland to a man of sweeping idiocy in the shah's Iran, were foreign or U.S. career diplomats. What it all proves I don't know, except that quality counts wherever acquired.

By A. M. Rosenthal Mr. Seitz has a quality reputation in Britain and is far too sophisticated to buy or sell the idea that the U.S.-British "special relationship" is always

trouble-free.

But the reason so many Americans are so at ease here is not simply because the natives are learning to speak English very well. It is because as peoples and countries we support each other when it counts. Recently, and importantly, America got more support from

Britain than it had earned. In the UN Security Council. the United States asked support for its threat of punishing Saddam Hussein for throwing out UN inspectors hunting for his weapons of mass destruction. The Clinton administration put out stories that it was getting support from the countries that counted — the four permanent members of the Security Coun-

That was false. In the closed meetings of the council. France, Russia and China worked against the United States and for Saddam. So did Egypt. But Britain supported

cil, and Arab countries.

Britain is a good friend, but not a stupid one. The British knew that the Clinton administration did not have plans about what to do if it carried out its bombing threats - no follow-through, no strategy to make bombing do more than kill the Iraqi civilians Saddam is always ready to see die.

So leadership of the Iraqi crisis passed to China, France and Russia, all slavering for profit and power in the Mideast. And Egypt led the way for Arab allies of the United States to walk out on America.

The Labour government of Tony Blair stayed with the United States, as the Conservative government of Mar-

Arafat to the table, and 81 per-

cent wishing Mr. Clinton would

bring them to Camp David.

garet Thatcher did when Ronald Reagan bombed Libya for the terrorist killings of two U.S. soldiers in Germany. France would not allow U.S. planes to cross its territory on the way to Libyan targets. But in Geneva this month.

America and Britain did not stand together as much as sin together. Both deserted the struggle to put a UN commission on record about China's human rights achievements, like political and religious persecution. The Daily Telegraph said London and Washington had "sold the pass" on human rights - betrayed the cause.

I have no hope any longer that Mr. Clinton will change his policy of appeasing China. But perhaps Mr. Blair will listen to the Conservatives and Labourites who tell him that support for the United States should no longer include complicity in selling the pass.

The New York Times.

Suppose Netanyahu Surprised Washington With a 'Yes'

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton has indicated to cept it, that would be ideal. If not, the United States would have to explain publicly who is of security undertakings.

The Clinton proposal re-portedly calls for a 13 percent further Israeli redeployment

PARIS - "God is not mocked," Saint Paul ad-

vised us: "whatsoever a man

soweth, that shall he also reap."

French politicians should sor-

rowfully be examining their

consciences today.
The French right has suffered

a moral as well as political im-

plosion as a result of regional

elections in recent days in

which the extremist National

Front won the roughly 15 per-cent of the vote it has received

in past national elections, but

emerged in a tactical position to

throw the presidency of many

regional assemblies to either the

right or, by abstention, the left.

councils, representatives of the mainstream right accepted Na-tional Front support and entered into effective collaboration with

the party of Jean-Marie Le Pen.

This week began with the struggle still unresolved in

some other councils, including

the Paris region — which Mr.

Le Pen offered to "give" to the

mainstream right in exchange

for the presidency of the Côte

d'Azur region for himself, an

offer which fortunately proved

too extravagant for even the

most expedient on the main-

made a dramatic appeal Mon-day night to members of his

own neo-Gaullist party and its

conservative and centrist allies

to refuse these alliances with

the "racist and xenophobic"

His appeal reinstalled some

order in the ranks of the right.

Some mainstream conservative

politicians had already resigned

leadership in councils where the

National Front had supplied the

decisive votes to elect them.

Their followers allowed the al-

liance of Socialists, Communists

But much damage had been

done. The National Front is much there in which either it, or

and ecologists to take control.

President Jacques Chirac

stream right.

National Front.

Last Friday, in five regional

United States wants to present to Israel and the Palestinians a behavior that would have to be everyone and said "yes" to the American compromise? What compromise proposal that it be- with the Israeli pullbacks. These would happen? between them. If they both ac- on incitement to violence, unequivocal abrogation of the Palestinian Covenant, and a range

By William Pfaff

looking for the political legit-imacy until now denied it by the

isolation imposed on it by the

mainstream parties. In five re-

gions it found that legitimation.

chauvinist, anti-Semitic, hostile

to the European Union, hostile

to the political values of the

French Republic, and anti-

American. Its leader, Mr. Le

popular protest against the un-

employment and social deteri-

oration and violence that

mainly punish the working

class, both immigrant and non-

immigrant. It is populist, anti-

actionary, populist and xeno-

phobic right in France. In the

past it was often more intel-

ligently led and enjoyed greater

support than is the case today.

The reason the National Front is

now in a position of particular

strength is that the mainstream

François Mitterrand caused

proportional representation to be installed for both regional

and legislative elections, spe-

cifically to promote the national

visibility of the National Front

minister, Lionel Jospin, while

successfully trying to carry out a

moral rehabilitation of his own

party, has exploited the exclu-

sion of the National Front while

expressing his pride to be allied

Party is not today what it once

was, but nonetheless is

burdened with a history of su-

pine and duplicitous subordin-

ation to the interests of a foreign

totalitarian state. There is not

The French Communist

with the Communist Party.

The present Socialist prime

and thereby divide the right.

The late Socialist President

parties put it there.

There has always been a re-

elitist and anti-establishment.

The party is also a vehicle of

Pen, is a vulgar demagogue.

The National Front is racist,

holding up the peace process. For weeks now, Prime Minister Netanyahu, knowing that this U.S. proposal was coming, has been fighting a guerrilla from the West Bank in three diplomatic war, using Congress stages over three months, in re- and Jewish leaders, to get it

Benjamin Netanyahu that the turn for changes in Palestinian killed. But what if he surprised

By Thomas L. Friedman

raelis would probably soar from around 40 percent to around 75 percent, leaving the Labor Party leader, Ehud Barak, completely in the dust. Monday's polls in Israel show a majority of Israeli Jews favoring the 13 percent U.S. compromise, 71 percent fa-

certainly its democratic allies,

Mr. Mitterrand was also, as

now has become clear, leader of

a government with a deeply cor-

rupt inner circle, where the con-

stitutional order and public con-

fidence were cynically abused.

ceeded, that of Jacques Chirac,

has had nothing so spectacularly

sordid to reveal to voters, but has

been persistently mired in lesser

corruption involving personal

privilege as well as party prof-

iteering. All this has contributed

to electoral alienation, mounting abstention and the success of the

eloquent promises to heal social

divisions and create employ-

ment, but failed to do either, and

in the absence of an effective

program last year he ordered a

senseless dissolution of the Na-

tional Assembly which, to his surprise, installed the left in

power, demoralized his own

electorate, alienated his polit-

ical followers and created the

atmosphere of sauve-qui-peut

which precipitated the fiasco

that now has overtaken the

institutional change for France.

A characteristic reaction of the

French to political crisis is to

not hard to identify. It simply is

hard to solve, given commit-

ments to Europe and to fiscal

conservatism, and the institu-

tional obstacles to job creation.

the young to work, it would be

on its way toward solution of

the social, economic and secu-

rity tensions that have created

Mr. Le Pen's following and de-

moralized the mainstream right

and left. So far, it, like its pre-

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Los Angeles Times Syndicute

decessor, has failed to do so.

If the government could put

The fundamental problem is

change the constitution.

Many are now talking about

mainstream right.

Mr. Chirac was elected on

National Front

The presidency which suc-

should take pride.

ment with Labor, on his terms. Within his ruling coalition, some far-right members would bolt, but he could govern without them. The National Religious Party would have to decide whether it is an extremist movement committed to holdvoring a more active U.S. effort ing all the West Bank or a party which understands that there to get Mr. Netanyahu and Yasser must be a compromise and it is For France, the Fruit of Failure

better to do it now under conditions of strength.

Ariel Sharon, who also has one foot in the Likud and one in the extreme right, would have to decide whether to follow Mr. Netanyahu in supporting the compromise, in which case he could play an important role in bringing along the other religious parties. Otherwise, Mr. Netanyahu could use his pop-

ularity to marginalize him. Mr. Netanyahu could point out that most of the U.S.-proposed 13 percent redeployment actually involves turning over West Bank areas now entirely controlled by Israel to Palestinian civilian control, but with Israeli troops still maintaining overall security control.

Mr. Arafat would be in a panic. He knows that this plan would be a good deal for Israel and he is only tentatively saying "yes" because he thinks Mr. Netanyahu will say "no."

that by embracing the U.S. plan, Mr. Netanyahu was closing the · Mr. Netanyahu would have breach between Israel and the enough public support to form United States, and unifying any government he wanted, in- American Jews and Congress Mr. Netanyahu an overwhelmingly powerful position vis-àvis Mr. Arafat going into finalstatus negotiations.

He would also understand

In Baghdad, Saddam Hussein would have heartburn. He would understand that Mr. Netanyahu's embrace of the U.S. compromise means America's Arab allies would not be able to hide behind Israeli intransigence as an excuse for not joining the next anti-Saddam crusade.

In Damascus, Hafez Assad would be unnerved, seeing a new phase of strategic partnership between Israel and the United States that could only weaken Syria's position. King Hussein, meanwhile, would emit a huge sigh of relief, seeing his risky backing for Mr. Netanyahu finally paying off.

Such a move would force... everyone to give Mr. Netan-yahu a second look. By having whittled the United States down to 13 percent (the Palestinians wanted 30), it would establish him as a better negotiator than the Labor Party, but also one who appreciates the importance of the U.S.-Israeli relationship.

Those who say that Mr. Netanyahu is a fraud who has been trying to kill Oslo and blame Mr. Arafat for it would have to reconsider.

The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Good Relations

PARIS — M. Gaston Calmette publishes in the Figaro a most interesting conversation which he had with M. Hanotaux, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs. "Our relations with all the Powers," he declared, "are of the best. Difficulties are certainly not wanting on all sides, but difficulties which are foreseen, discussed and made the subject of negotiations are already diminished. In international politics it is silence which is feared, because it is the worst of misunderstandings.

BERLIN - The Popular In-

Democratic Minister of the Interior, has placed the Green Police on a war footing throughout Prussia. These are the more startling developments following Herr Severing's exposure of the Independence party's plot to destroy the Republic.

100.000 applicants awaiting screening or transportation in Britain alone, South Africa continues to absorb European immigrants. As a result of immigration the white population of South Africa was increased by about 30,000 last year. The need for technicians and skilled workmen to accelerate South Africa's development is a major reason for South Africa's immigration policy. Another, though less publicized, one is the desire to bolster the ratio of whites to blacks in the country's prepon-

1923: Alert in Prussia

dependence party has refused to yield to the Prussian decree ordering its dissolution. Herr Adolf Hitler is mobilising his Bavarian Fascisti for an immediate march on Berlin. Herr Karl Severing, the Prussian Social-

1948: White Settlers JOHANNESBURG - With

derantly colored population.

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A Bright Promise Lost: The Tragedy of Clinton By Richard Cohen WASHINGTON — Long education legislation this year. Even under the best circum-

as the author of "Primary Colors," he asked me what I thought of the book. ""Not much," I innocently

replied. We were driving from New Hampshire to Boston at the stime and I don't recall Mr. Klein veering across the median strip or in any other way giving away his secret: I do remember him saying, though, that the book re-minded him of what we -- some journalists - had once seen in Bill Clinton. I nodded to that. Now, several years later, I

have seen the movie based on the book twice, once as the terrific political cornedy it certainly is, the second time as the political tragedy it is fast becoming.

The film contains precisely the sort of scenes that Mr. Klein was referring to when he men-tioned Mr. Clinton's early promise: a frank speech to unemployed New Hampshire shipyard workers and another in which the candidate meets with adults enrolled in a literacy program. Both scenes are about an em-

phasis on continuing education. Now, it just so happens that in real life the real president has an education program before Congress, where it is going nowhere fast. Not only do the Republicans have an alternative plan, but they happen to control Congress. The Republicans, not the president, will determine

stances, Mr. Clinton would be fast becoming a lame duck. But these are not the best circumstances. The president has yet to run the gantlet of the Paula Jones civil trial and Kenneth Starr's criminal investigation. Even if he is exonerated in the Jones case and Mr. Starr takes no action, the fruits of the independent counsel's inves-

tigation will go to Congress. Hearings may be held, impeachment demanded. For Mr. Clinton, some rough days lie ahead.

So the president, unlike any other president riding toward his political sunset, is not going to have the luxury of keeping an eye on history. Instead, he is going to have to keep an eye on his base - the very people who elected him. Significantly, that means women, especially feminists, and organized labor. The unions beat Mr. Clinton

last year on "fast track" trade legislation and, at one time, the president accused some Democrats of caving in to union pressure. Now maybe he will cave in. He can ill afford to alienate some of the very people he is going to need if he gets into a fight for his survival. In addition, he needs union money to help him elect an impeachment-proof Congress.

Similarly, it is not likely that the president will compromise with Republicans on legislation



to fund either the United Nations or the International Monetary Fund if it means accepting even tepid anti-abortion language.

In the view of some key Republicans, a deal could be made on IMF funding if only President Clinton would give just a bit on abortion language.

But he won't, or he can't... Leading feminists, after all, have stood by him, finding reasons why accusations of sexual harassment are one thing for a Supreme Court nominee, quite another thing for a president. (How many feminists can dance on the head of a pin?)

The irony is that Mr. Clinton's soaring approval ratings have almost no meaning here in Washington. Here his clout is vastly

diminished and he remains a man preoccupied by a threat to his presidency so serious that he has invoked the Nixonian stall of executive privilege. He last held a full-blown news conference on Feb. 6 — and that was a joint one with Tony Blair, the British prime minister.

Even at photo-ops, the shouted questions are about Monica Lewinsky and related matters. This president, polls or no polls, is besieged and he must have left for Africa with a whoop of glee and a "whew" of relief.

Tragedy, as the Greeks knew, is created by a personal weakness. In Mr. Clinton's case, that alleged weakness has turned what could have been a successful

second term — an incredible

economy, a soaring stock market and a foreign policy that, whatever its faults, has not produced a single American combat casualty - into a tragedy.

The promise that Mr. Klein and some others discerned has come, as he virtually suggested in his book, to naught.

If you happen to be a Clintonhater, then none of this matters very much. But if you think that those New Hampshire workers really do need continuing education and that adult literacy is important — that class size ought to be reduced and national testing instituted - then you can appreciate that more than a man's reputation has been lost. So has a once-bright promise.

The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Cloning

Regarding "Common Sense About Cloning" (Opinion, March 16) by Steve Jones

Mr. Jones's article suggests that scruples about human cloning in think are religious or moral and are fostered by zealots. This is not necessarily true; I can think of at least two objections of a different

> The basic principle of evolution is that species adapt to the everwhat we are because the survivor

qualities of the fittest were transmitted to their progeny through their genes (along with random gene mutations).

That we live longer today more because of medical advances than because of fitness may be partly due to the fact that survival in the modern world is better ensured by brain than muscle.

Cloning freezes this natural process, since genes are identically copied from one individual to his or her offspring. The world, however, keeps changing.

The second objection is social.

One does not embark on a long and expensive research program without a fair idea of where it leads. I am not certain that the "extreme limit" conditions one has to be prepared for the worst --- of a clone society have been seriously studied.

I agree that human cloning will not be stopped. What must be stopped are the hysterical conmnations, from whatever pulpit, that prevent a serene, methodological approach to such a sensitive topic.

LUCIO MARGHERITA.

Clinton's Behavior

Many Republicans appear taken aback by the American people's support for Bill Clinton and claim that once obstruction of iustice has been shown such support will vanish.

This is wishful thinking. The American people perceive what the politicians try to obfuscate when they liken Mr. Clinton to Richard Nixon: that there is a world of difference between concealing criminal behavior and concealing legal behavior.

If Mr. Clinton should deny un-

der oath that he had eaten 10 hot dogs the night before, that should hardly be cause for impeach-

> HENRY BLUMENFELD. Gif-sur-Yvette, France.

E. J. Dionne ("It's Time to Wrap Up the Capital Sideshow," Opinion, March 20) asks if we will spend the next 22 months talking about Mr. Clinton's sex life. Shouldn't that be the next 34 months, since the president's term ends in January 2001?

BERNARD SINSHEIMER. Boulogne, France.

In Today's 'New Family,' Children Often Suffer

By Rachel Elboim-Dror

TERUSALEM — The "new J woman' is on her way. She is assertive, climbing the corporate ladder, sharing the political, eco-nomic, social and cultural world with men. At long last she is beginning to be seen and heard in the corridors of power.

In the vast continents of Asia and Africa, most people are

MEANWHILE

caught up in the daily struggle for survival, unaware of the emer-gence of the new woman. But in the West she is ubiquitous.

She is creating a new family culture that has not been fully grasped by society or social scientists. Yet its impact will strike us soon, catching us unprepared.

The traditional family is disappearing in the middle class. Instead of a family made up of breadwinning man and caregiver/ housekeeper woman, a bipolar structure of two breadwinners supposedly equals — is emerging. But "equality" is tricky.

Some women try to accomplish both roles, fulfilling the traditional obligations of mother, spouse, cook, housekeeper and sexual partner while at the same time holding a responsible job and competing in the marketplace.

Other women capitalize on both worlds, expecting men to support them while they chant feminist slogans and demand that men share in the housework and in

the upbringing of the children. The real victims of this new family culture are the children. While men and women struggle to establish a new modus vivendi, children pay the price for the con-

frontation. In the traditional family, the hierarchy was firmly established and the division of labor was clear. Now, the clash of two family heads demanding priority for their professional and personal in-

terests breeds a culture of selfishness, which rocks the supportive structure essential for children's In the conflict between the parents, the children's needs are often dispensed with. Both parents are

too busy with self-fulfillment to attend to others, especially when those others happen to be children. who are unable to articulate their needs and demand their rights.

Children, parked in nurseries from a very early age, often see their parents for only an hour or

two a day during the week and on weekends. Some feel superfluous. New women, conditioned by ferminist culture to give priority to their own needs and interests, as men do, find taking care of children more than they can cope with. They relegate this respon-

sibility to whatever outside or live-in help they can get.
This new family culture is often discussed from a male point of view: how it affects a man's selfimage and masculinity. Scant attention is paid to how it affects children and their future as adults.

Feminists feel that the new woman should not be blamed for the consequences of age-old male dominance, which is now breaking down. They may be right. But should society rectify one wrong, by exchanging it for another?

The writer, a professor of education policy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Good Day Care

RESEARCH on U.S. day care has produced a shocking report card. The quality of care in the majority of centers is poor to mediocre.

We know the ingredients that lead to high quality: better staffto-child ratios, staff education, specialized training and improved teacher wages.

For too long, the debate has centered on whether day care is good or bad for children.

The debate is over, Recent federal research has shown that children who receive high-quality day care are no different from children

raised at home. The challenge to the United States is not whether we should have day care for our youngest citizens, or whether the federal government should be in the business of providing day care, but

how well we can do it. - Michael D. Kaplan, a professor of child psychiatry at Yale's Child Study Center, commenting in The Hartford (Connecticut) Courant.

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Americans Are Warned Not to Stay at 2 Hotels Linked to Tripoli

By Peter S. Green International Herald Tribune

PRAGUE - Two of Prague's top hotels have been blacklisted by the U.S. government because they have been pur- The Middle East Economic Digest has chased by a company with purported links to the government of Libya, and American travelers have been warned 300-bed hotel in Tripoli, Libya's capital visited Prague in 1990 and U.S. Comthat they could face criminal penalties if The U.S. Embassy said American merce Secretary William Daley stayed that they could face criminal penalties if they stay at them.

 The Hotel Forum and the Hotel Panorama were bought this week by the Corinthia Group, a Maltese company with a Libyan partner.

An advisory issued by the U.S. Embassy in Prague said the United States considered the Corinthia Group, and therefore its hotels, to be the property of the Libyan government.

NEW YORK — A man who lured

foreign businessmen to New York

Bronx district attorney's office said.

pleaded guilty this month to four

counts of robbery, three in connection

with a trio of Israeli businessmen lured

placed in the International Herald

Tribune soliciting large orders of

U.S.-made blue jeans from overseas

warning a year ago when Corinthia prohibits any contact with Libyan orbought a hotel in Budapest.

The company owns hotels in Malta, Turkey, Tunisia and Hungary, as well as five other hotels in the Czech Republic. hibition may be subject to crim civil penalties under U.S. law." reported that the chairman of Corinthia, Alfred Pisani, plans to build a \$9 million, ident George Bush stayed there when he

travelers and companies could be pros-ecuted for eating at, staying in or doing was sold to Corinthia. ecuted for eating at, staying in or doing business with any hotels owned by Corinthia. The same penalties apply to a partment in Washington said Corinthia travel agency owned by the company, was on a list of companies or people the Czech International Travel.

The embassy said: "Financial transactions with those establishments. including payment for lodging and meals. are prohibited by the Libyan Sanctions The United States made a similar Regulations," an American law that

warehouse in November 1996 to close

the deal with Mr. Merlino, they were

bound and robbed at gunpoint of

years in prison, to run concurrently

Mr. Merlino was also found guilty

of a 1995 knifepoint robbery of a

gued about the price of a shipment of

his motel room and robbed him of

lue jeans. Mr. Merlino followed the man into

United States contends are acting on behalf of the Libyan government. But she said the United States was not planning mass arrests of American tourists in

Corinthia-owned hotels. 'We are trying to stop the Corinthia Group, which we have determined is acting on behalf of the Libyan government, from receiving financial ben-efit from U.S. citizens," said the spokes-woman, Beth Weaver. "It's not the

individual traveler."
The United States tightened its restrictions on doing business with Libya after investigators linked the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland, to agents working for the secret service of Moammar Gadhafi.

The UN Security Council has required all member states to freeze any assets owned or controlled by the Libyan government or any Libyan entity.

Christopher Smith, a lawyer in Prague with Lovell, White & Durand, which represented Corinthia in the deal, said Mr. Pisani objected "strenuously" to the embassy warning, saying the group has only "a minority Libyan shareholder."



Janet Museveni, the wife of the Ugandan president, holding a parasol over Mr. Clinton on Tuesday while they watched schoolchildren dance.

IRAQ: 'Father' of Germ Weapons Is Jailed

When the businessmen came to a \$10,000 in cash.

Robber Who Used False Ads Gets 15 Years

through newspaper advertisements for \$38,180 in cash and a watch worth

blue jeans only to rob them has been \$7,000, the district attorney's office

sentenced to 15 years in prison, the said Monday. He was sentenced to 15

Nelson Merlino of the Bronx with a term he is already serving on a

to New York by advertisements Danish businessman after the two ar-

weapons charge.

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clothing importers.

might have obtained such a document.

As for the papers Mr. Hindawi was interview with Mr. Hindawi than from reportedly holding, Iraqi officials said the inspections of presidential sites that they had turned them over to the UN the United Nations is now planning. Special Commission, which is charged with disarming the country of nuclear, chemical, biological and other weapons of mass destruction. But the documents have not proved useful to UN inspectors, who had already obtained copies of most to germ plants and sites that contain

Mr. Hamdoon said Mr. Hindawi was available to be interviewed by UN representatives at any point and noted that the inspectors had already spoken to him "dozens of times."

Sactiant's pieuge to pennit me inspection of presidential sites and other sensitive places.

Richard Butler, chairman of the specific pennit me inspection of presidential sites and other sensitive places.

But Mr. Tucker said Mr. Hindawi prison and stressed the importance of such sites by a special group of scientific debriefing him in a neutral setting. UN inspectors and UN diplomats. inspectors have seized hundreds of thousands of pages of Iraqi documents through their inspections across the country, but they need insiders, he said, to put together pieces of the germ

weapons puzzle. dam Hussein's son-in-law, Lieutenant General Hussein Karnel, gave the in-spectors their biggest breakthroughs in understanding the Iraqi germ program. (General Kamel was killed after he re-turned to Baghdad.) Western officials tion. One senior Western official dishad hoped that Mr. Hindawi could

Baghdad Denies Report It Planned To Poison Britain The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq denied accusations in Britain on Tuesday that

it had threatened to smuggle deadly anthrax to the United Kingdom. A tabloid, The Sun, reported that

President Saddam Hussein plotted to flood Britain with the toxin. The newspaper theorized that the toxin could be hidden in duty-free bottles of alcohol, cosmetics, cigarette lighters and perfume sprays.

The newspaper reported that a March 18 intelligence document contended that the Iraqi government had plotted to smuggle large quantities of anthrax into "hostile coun-

A spokeswoman for the office of Prime Minister Tony Blair con-firmed Monday that the document

As a result, Britain's air and sea ports have been put on alert, the spokeswoman said.

A minister at the Home Office, Mike O'Brien, said Tuesday on the BBC that he did not believe "there is any imminent threat to Britain, but from time to time in this dangerous world, there are warnings which our very capable security apparatus is able to respond to.

"We're vigilant," Mr. O'Brien said. "But there are certainly no grounds for scaremongering over this or for frightening people. This is not the first terrorist warning that we've had and I suspect it won't be the last, and we are able to deal with these things.

He added that there was no "likelihood that Saddam or Saddam's agents would be likely to put the anthrax in duty-frees in the vague hope that some British tourists

would pick it up. Colonel Terry Taylor, a former weapons inspector for the United Nations who last year uncovered evidence of a biological weapons program, agreed that it was difficult to

deliver anthrax in a dangerous form. 'If it was really being sent like this, in bottles, it's quite difficult to keep alive and to get it out in a form that might actually kill somebody,

provide similarly valuable testimony. Mr. Tucker said the United Nations could well learn more from a candid

The arrest comes at a delicate moment in relations between the United Nations

The United States nearly went to war last month to gain the inspectors access information about them. Since then the United Nations has started to test Mr. Saddam's pledge to permit the inspec-

cial commission, arrived in Baghdad on would never be able to talk freely in a Sunday to plan the first inspection of

Mr. Butler could not be reached for comment on the arrest or on whether he intended to raise the issue with Iraq. But Western officials in New York said Iraq had disclosed Mr. Hindawi's arrest to a team of UN inspectors at meetings that

Iraqi officials asserted that Mr. Hindawi was fleeing to an unidentified "rogue" nation and described his arrest as part of its effort to prevent the promissed that claim as "laughable."

Details about Mr. Hindawi's career are sketchy. A microbiologist by training, he earned his doctorate from Mississippi predictability and order, which are hard State University in Starkville in 1969. Associates said he speaks fluent English. Iraq is said to have begun its germ

weapons program in the early 1970s. The effort went poorly, and some of those involved were imprisoned by the

In 1983, weapons inspectors say, Mr. Hindawi wrote a secret report that outlined for top officials of the ruling Ba'ath Party how the program could be turned into a major military asset with largescale production of weapons of mass to destruction.

The paper, written when Iraq was los-ing its bitter war with Iran, has never been surrendered to weapons investigators, but Iraqi officials have told the United

Nations that it had a huge impact.
Within a year, the Iraqi officials said. the regime ordered the directors of the poison-gas program to create a separate germ weapons research complex at a site called Al Muthanna. Designated a presidential priority, the project at Al Muthanna priority and the project at Al Muthanna pri anna was exempted from the usual spending and personnel constraints, Iraqi scientists have told former inspectors.

prosecutor in the case as having said.

Earlier this month, Singapore's prime minister, Goh Chock Tong, expressed concern over the immigrants. "If we see them Mr. Hindawi has told associates that he joined the effort only because he believed his country was in danger of being defeated by Iran.

Iraq has told the inspectors that at various times from 1989 to 1991, Mr. Hindawi was the managing director of Al Hakam, the sprawling complex that became Iraq's primary germ weapons production installation.

Scientists at Al Hakam made tons of anthrax, which was loaded at another site into bombs and missile warheads. Mr. Hindawi was said to have left his job as a consultant to the weapons program in late 1989 or early 1990, shortly before the Gulf War.

Former inspectors said Mr. Hindawi was removed from his post at Al Hakam after quarreling with senior officials over financial irregularities in the program. He was sent to a university in Baghdad, where he has taught since.

■ Talks Leave Butler Optimistic

Mr. Butler ended two days of talks in Iraq on Tuesday by praising its new mood of cooperation, which he said could help him swiftly finish his work, Reuters reported from Baghdad.

Mr. Butler said his talks with Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz had shown a welcome change from their last rancorous meeting, in January: "Today was a light-year different." He said progress had been made toward accounting for missile warheads and chemical agents that Iraq says it has destroyed.



AN OPEC MEMBER RUNNING DRY — Cars and trucks waiting in line for fuel at the Nigerian capital, Abuja. Nigeria, a member of the oil cartel OPEC, has been suffering a fuel shortage for a week.

CLINTON: Just by Visiting, the President Shows African Countries Some Rare Respect

MALAYSIA: Major Drive Against Illegal Immigrants From Indonesia Is Under Way

which is widely covered on television Indonesians repatriating their salaries.

pages, is as much an effort to turn back sia to work in the construction industry or boatloads of illegal immigrants as it is to plantation sector, or as maids. During the

people coming, because they will trunk they can get away with it," said Abdul Razak Abdullah Baginda, executive director of the Malaysian Strategic Research Center, a government-linked think tank.

For many Indonesians, the incentives to leave their country are great. Hundreds to leave their country are great. Hundreds

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equate. Transportation links among African countries remain primitive.

That is a formula certain to worry

The chosen White House instrument Act, which the House of Representatives approved this month. Senate action is

pending.
The legislation forms the background of this trip. It seeks to promote the pri-vatization of government enterprises that will take him to countries the ad-ministration sees as success stories across Africa, with sales of state assets countries described in carefully modthe United States without the rican affairs, as "pretty good

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the waves of such immigrants subside,"

the newspaper quoted the unidentified

in large numbers, the situation is going to

destabilize Malaysia and Singapore," he

told a German newspaper in an interview. In Malaysia, in addition to eight boat

skippers sentenced to be caned on Monday.

the police have used the country's Internal

Security Act, which allows authorities to

hold suspects without trial, for those

thought to be harboring illegal aliens.

corporations to buy African resources at fire-sale prices and exploit low-wage African labor.

'This bill nakedly and unqualifiedly promotes the interests of American business." said one vocal foe, Randall Robinson of the lobbying group TransAis the Africa Growth and Opportunity frica. "It should be called the African rival, talking of "an Africa whose politrecolonization act, because the United States and Europe have the money and

would grab the assets." Mr. Clinton has chosen an itinerary that will take him to countries the adopen to all comers, including foreigners. ulated terms by Susan Rice, the influ- United States is promoting peace ne-In return, African countries could export ential assistant secretary of state for Af-

and is featured daily on newspaper front

prevent others from ever launching.
"If we're passyfooting and not sure what

we're going to do, that will lead to more people coming, because they will think they

of thousands have lost their jobs as the

country's financial crisis has mounted.

And even those with jobs would be likely

to earn several times more money in such

Not only are wages higher in those countries, but both the Malaysian ringgit

and the Singapore dollar have appre-

Analysts say that Malaysia's high-ciated sharply against the Indonesian Hamzah, police chief of Selangor, the profile anti-illegal immigrant campaign, rupiah in recent months — a boon to those state where the airport is situated.

countries as Malaysia or Singapore.

hindrance of tariffs or quotas. Critics performers, economically and political-argue that the act would allow foreign ly, all things considered."

Clinton will meet with its leader, Laurent Kabila, during a stop in Uganda.

One aim, she said in an interview in Washington, is to show Americans "the side of Africa that's not bodies floating down rivers.'

The president himself was less in remarks broadcast throughout the continent before his arical and economic accomplishments grow more impressive each month."

That is a very carefully edited Africa. It excludes Somalia, where 18 U.S. soldiers died five years ago trying to end chaos and famine: it still has no government. It excludes Angola, where the

For years, Indonesians came to Malay-

recent boom years, a labor shortage required Malaysia to import hundreds of thousands of foreign workers. Today, there are about 2 million foreign workers

Foreign workers were helping change

the face of modern Malaysia, supplying almost all the low-cost labor for such

large-scale projects as the Kuala Lum-

pur International Airport. Once there were 25,000 illegal immigrants working

at the site, according to Kamaruddin

Mr. Kabila seems to be drifting into the cruel and corrupt pattern of the man he deposed only last year, Mobuto Sese Seko, and the decision to include him on the schedule came only after a heated

argument in the administration.

Most important, it excludes Nigeria. which, with South Africa, is the most important country in sub-Saharan Africa

in terms of population and resources.

Administration officials speak enthusiastically about what Mr. Clinton called the new face of Africa" and about a new breed of democratically inclined leaders. But Mr. Moose, warning that the Inited States is promoting peace ne-otiations that have not brought peace. It excludes the Congo, although Mr. picture is sportly, describes such com-ments as "a pretty thin batter they're spreading."

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"Now there are only some 3,000 left, samed by The Sixteen he 2 & Wed 3 June

ernment said that as many as a million foreign workers could be sent home. Indonesia has vowed to help with the operations. Last week, the Indonesian for-eign minister, Ali Alatas, said that Jakarta would send navy ships to help repairate 17,000 illegal workers held in Malaysia.

We will work together with Malaysia in dealing with the repatriations," he said. But with Indonesia's economy in shambles, Jakarta's participation could be limited.

With the onset of the regional finan-

cial crisis last year, the Malaysian gov-

"We know the Indonesian authorities are not going to make this a top pri-ority," Mr. Razak said. "They have

problems of their own."

RUSSIA: Yeltsin Gives Foreign and Defense Ministers a Reprieve

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up chronic wage and pension arrears, but Mr. Chemomyrdin's government failed to resolve the problem.

Mr. Yeltsin's decision to turn his government upside down has not been fully explained, and on Tuesday fingerpointcontinued. Newspapers that back Chemomyrdin targeted Boris Berezovsky, an industrialist, as the plotter, while Mr. Berezovsky's television channel mocked those who put him at

the center of the action.

■ Warnings of Instability Ahead Many liberal commentators warned

slow down the fulfillment of the goals set out by Viktor Chernomyrdin's government, such as promoting economic growth, curbing inflation and carrying out tax and social reform," the liberal daily Segodnya said. The reasons for Mr. Yeltsin's move

remained obscure, but many commentators said a central motivation could have been his awareness of Mr. Chernomyrdin's growing political ambitions. Backing that view, the pro-government Our Home Is Russia party said Tuesday that Mr. Chernomyrdin would that Mr. Yeltsin's cabinet purge could most likely be their candidate for pres-destabilize Russia just as the economy ident in the 2000 election. Mr. sia's two-term limit.

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starts to rebound. The Associated Press reported from Moscow.

"The political crisis in Russia will chief, Vladimir Ryzhkov.

But others suggested that Mr. Chernomyrdin's dismissal would be the effective end of his political career, because he has been so closely tied to the president that he will be unable to rally support on his own. "We can pronounce the once-superpowerful premier politically dead," said the business daily Kommersant.

Mr. Ryzhkov noted that "the entire political situation in Russia will change' if Mr. Yeltsin seeks a third term. There has been speculation that he might do so if the Constitutional Court rules that his first term, which began under the old Soviet Constitution, does not count toward Rus-

Rome Offers a Bill To Cut Workweek

ROME — The Italian govern-ment approved a draft bill Tuesday to cut the workweek to 35 hours from 40 hours by 2001, Industry Minister Pierluigi Bersani said.

The bill, which the center-left government promised in a bid to satisfy its far-left allies from the Refounded Communist Party but which has been rejected by employers, now goes to the lower house, the Chamber of Deputies. If approved there, where Prime Minister Romano Prodi's government relies on the former Communists for its majority, the bill goes to the Senate.

PARKS, PAL AND GARD NBLOOM Past U.S. 'Sins' Noted "very carefully" to President Yowen Museveni of Uganda earlier in the day when the two leaders met, and Mr. Museveni discussed "the history of Africa, the history of Uganda, the future. what mistakes had been made in the

AFRICA:

norance."

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"Perhaps the worst sin America ever

committed about Africa," Mr. Clinton

said, "was the sin of neglect and ig-

He added, "We have never been as involved in working together for our

mutual benefit, for your children and for

Mukono village school, nestled amid ba-

nana trees and coffee plants outside

Kampala. The president and Hillary Rod-

ham Clinton, escorted by Mr. Museveni

Inside the school, the children demon-

strated their education by naming the U.S. president, and pointing to the

"Congramlations on your lessons, very impressive," Mr. Clinton said. "Thank you for making me feel so wel-

come." The Clintons and the Musevenis

Mr. Clinton also used the occasion to

announce proposals for \$182 million in

aid programs for education, health and

wide program aimed at improving qual-

ity, safety and distribution of crops, and

a new \$1 million grant to fight malaria

Earlier Tuesday, Mr. Clinton and Mr.

Museveni met privately for about 30

minutes, and then as part of larger bi-

lateral delegations. Mr. Clinton said he

had spoken about trade and investment

with Mr. Museveni, whose market-oriented economic reforms have won U.S.

praise as a role model for Africa, and

discussed "improving political condi-

A U.S. official, speaking at the Nile

Conference Center in Kampala where

the traveling White House press corps

was housed, said the United States

would continue to press Uganda to open

up its "no-party" political system. But he said the country had made significant

progress toward democracy under Mr.

Museveni, who took power in 1986 after

the murderous regimes of Idi Amin and

official said. "This place was a disaster.

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truding on his role as a statesman, telling

reporters at a photo session that the issue

should only be discussed "back

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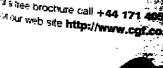
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and the problem is expected to be solved with more operations," he told the ofwith more operations, he told the orficial Bernama news agency on Tuesday, referring to periodic police sweeps that have netted more than 1,000 people of the out web site http://www.cgf.co.dd.





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Royal attractions

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Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey provide perfect starting points for visiting St. James's Park, Green Park, Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, with their boat rides, outdoor cafes, royal galleries and magnificent displays of spring flowers. There's a chance to feed the ducks, geese and rare birds or even enjoy a leisurely picnic on the lawn. St. James's Park adjoins the Horse Guards Parade, where the Changing of the Guard is staged each morning at 11 A.M. From May 18 to 20, there is also the Trooping of the Colour at 10 A.M. in preparation for the Queen's birthday celebrations.

The River Thames is also a great source of activities. The annual Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race, which runs from Putney Bridge to Mortlake, is being held on March 28 at 1:15 P.M.

Riverboats are available from Westminster Pier in the center of the city to Richmond and Kew. Richmond Park, west of London, offers rich wildlife in 2,000 acres of grassland. Nearby are the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, where exotic greenhouses and 10 different climatic zones flowers, trees and shrubs. A slightly longer excursion takes the visitor farther up the Thames to Hampton Court, Henry VIII's magnificent Tudor Palace set in extensive gardens.

The riverboat also travels east to Tower Bridge and the Tower of London, which spans 900 years of British history. Once past the famous Beefcater guards, the visitor has a choice of seeing the Crown Jewels, the Royal Armories and Traitor's Gate. Tower Bridge's elevators operate up to 10 times a day, from 10 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. including weekends, and provide a magnificent panoramic view of the city. (closed on Good Friday:)

- Political symmet nade unit Farther east, again via riverboat, is historic Greenwich, . 1. A 2.0 Estimates units which 2 million tourists visit each year. It has been chosen as had the focal point for Britain's millennium celebrations. The ा क्षेत्रक ले कि कि: world's last surviving tea clipper, the Cutty Sark, is a short walk from the pier, as is the National Maritime Museum, the rod's Food Hall is a must for those Palladian-style Queen's House (designed by Inigo Jones in 1616 for Queen Anne of Denmark) and the Old Royal and the case building per Observatory, built by Sir Christopher Wren in 1675 on the by the | Greenwich Meridien.

All are set in Greenwich Park, London's oldest royal park, with its formal gardens, rolling hills and a small boating lake, hibition at the end of April.



Trafalgar Square — site of Nelson's Column — is surrounded by historic buildings, such as St. Martin in the Field and the National Gallery.

en elevator takes the visitor down to the Brunel Tunnel, which crosses under the Thames to Island Gardens, where it connects with the Docklands Light Railway.

The New London

The elevated link is one of the best ways to see the "new" London of postmodern buildings - including the 800-foot Canary Wharf office tower - bridges, marinas, tidal basins and café-lined quays that have replaced the 18th- and 19thhouse one of the world's greatest collections of exotic century docks. The Visitors' Center, near Crossharbour station, can arrange guided tours. The railway is also an excellent way to return west for a a special discount price. •

as well as panoramic views across the Tharnes to the Isle of walking tour of the City of London, site of St. Paul's Dogs, the City of London and the West End. Back at the pier. Cathedral, parts of which are surrounded by the ancient Roman-built London Wall. It is home to narrow Dickensian alleyways and mews, Georgian houses and a range of Victorian pubs.

> The huge Barbican arts complex provides a range of waterside restaurants and cafés, suitable for all the family, as well as a conservatory of exotic plants, film, theater, concerts by the London Symphony Orchestra and exhibitions of contemporary art, sculpture and design. Its special theme this year is "Inventing America," and tickets to these events, which include showings of classic Hollywood movies and Broadway musicals from April 4 to April 19, are available at

SHOPPING EMPORIUM TO THE WORLD

Whether you're looking for Stilton cheese or Italian design, London's got it.

Street Kensington and Knightsbridge are world renowned shopping sites in London. Harrods, Liberty and Fortnum & Mason are among the most famous emporia: Harseeking the best in smoked salmon, Stilton cheese and English shortbread as well as more exotic offerings. Those interested in unusual carpets and rugs should visit Liberty's Uzbek Carpet Ex-

Most Londoners settle for Oxford Street, where department stores like Marks & Spencer, John Lewis and British Home Stores abound, often with reasonable prices for a range of house- urdays, Camden Passage in Islington. If Italian design on June 3. ●

egent's Street, Bond Street, High hold goods, clothes, cosmetics, jewelry, an appetite overtakes you during a toys and electronic equipment.

> New designer boutiques on or near Regent Street include L'Occitane. Gymboree, Karen Millen, Adolfo Dominquez and Emmanuelle Schvili, as well as Moschino's flagship store on Conduit Street.

Garrards & Co., the Crown Jewellers, Hamleys, Austin Reed, Burberry, The Scotch House, Aquascutum, Lillywhites: Waterford and Wedgewood, Crabtree & Evelyn and Dolland & Christie's and Sotheby's also hold reg-Aitchinson all have warrants to supply the Royal Household.

For antiques, there is Portobello Road and, on Wednesdays and Sat-

shopping foray, head for Lola's in The Mall above the antiques arcade or choose from scores of other acclaimed restaurants farther along Upper Street in Islington. South of the Tharnes, near Tower Bridge, design guru Sir Terence

Conran's Gastrodome boasts five excellent eateries featuring French, Italian and other international cuisines, along with London specialties and fine wines in a waterside setting. Bonhams, ular auctions of antiques and decorative

arts in the spring. Christie's in South Kensington is planning its first-ever sale of postwar

THE TREASURES OF RUSSIA, VINTAGE CARS AND MORE

A look at London's cornucopia of museums.

cw exhibits this spring included the opening on March 19 of four newly restored rooms at the National Gallery. On the same day, the Royal Academy opened 'The Art of Holy Russia," which runs until June 14 and includes superb icons. "Bonnard," featuring nearly 100 works, continues until May 17 at the Tate Gallery. "Watercolors" by Turner starts on May 8 at The British Museum. The museum's other major exhibition this spring is "Rimpa from the Idemitsu Collection, Tokyo," beginning May 13. More than 70 examples of the 17th-century Japanese art form will be displayed, including paintings, calligraphy and ceramics.

The Victoria and Albert Museum is celebrating the costurnes and textiles of Pakistan in "Colors of the Indu" until March 29. It will be followed from April 9 to mid-July by the "Power of the Poster," with works ranging from classic Toulouse-Lautec images to the controversial advertisements for Benetton.

At the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum. visitors can view a dinosaur exhibit, play "The Human Biology" game or take a voyage of discovery in "Visions of Earth." For car and design enthusiasts, the Design Museum near Tower Bridge is opening "Ferdinand Porsche," from April 9 till the end of August.

Museum buffs will be interested in the London White Card, which offers entry discounts to all the city's museums. Call 0171 734-4555 for information. •

THE SEASON'S HOTTEST SHOWS: Going Out on the Town

London's West End theaters draw visitors from around the world to shows like "Les Misérables," "Miss Saigon," "Chicago," " Starlight Express," "Cats" and "Jesus Christ Superstar." In March, the Society of London Theater is highlighting three premieres. "Timeless," by Scottish author David Greig, opened on March 17. "Sleeping Around." a collaboration between four British writers, will open in the last week of March. David Hare's "The Judas Kiss," has already ·caught the media's attention, not least because the role of-Oscar Wilde is played by Hollywood actor Liam Neeson. Based on the story of Wilde's betrayal by his friend and lover, Lord Alfred Douglas, it was produced by Islington's Almeida threater and is showing at the Playhouse. Islington's Kings Head theater, which, like the Almeida, is known for "off-Broadway" shows that later move to the West End, is previewing "Liebesraum" by Israel Horovitz April 21-24.

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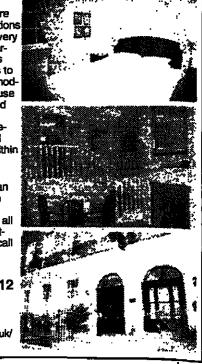
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Highlights include an irreverent and entertaining production of Johann Strauss's operetta "Die Fledermaus" by the Music Theater London. Two performances of Handel's "Samson" are also planned, along with a "Broadway Hall of Fame" special produced in collaboration with the BBC. It will celebrate the musical genius of Leonard Betnstein and

Other events include 1930s cabaret songs, including the masterpiece "Happy End" by Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht, performed by the German singer Eva Meier, accompanied by Belgium's Muziektheater Transparant. The venues, including the Savoy Hotel, the National Gallery and the Palace Theater, are all situated near the old flower market, which now houses cafés, restaurants and shops.

The South Bank arts complex houses the Royal Festival Hall (0171 960-4242), the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the National Film Theater and the Museum of the Moving Image, as well as waterside restaurants, cafés and fairs. A festival of contemporary music will be held there in April and May, with a series of concerts by the Philharmonia Orchestra and a performance of a new score by one of Britain's most celebrated talents, Mark Antony Turnage. •

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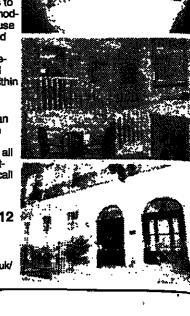
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Dutch Late Bloomer Wins Oscar for Foreign Film

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service

ARIS — Mike van Diem likes to dwell on his anxieties about moviemaking to explain why, at 39, his career as a director is only just getting un-der way. Yet in his first feature film, this slim good-natured Dutchman showed anything but insecurity. He took on the challenge of adapting a classic Dutch novel, Ferdinand Bor-dewijk's "Character," then raised the stakes by altering the plot to suit his needs. At the very least, he risked upsetting Bordewijk fans.

The gamble paid off. The movie, which recounts the power struggle between a man and his illegitimate son, each looking for the other's love but also intent on destroying the other, drew good audiences and generally enthusiastic reviews when it was released in the Netherlands last April.

proved happily prophetic.
"The critic in NRC Handelsblad took a cheap shot," van Diem said. "He said:
"'Character" is going to win an Oscar nomination. That's almost for sure. And that's my way of saying how bad this film really is. "

Still, the director can cheerfully live with this slight after the film won the Academy Award for best foreign-language film of 1997, beating out movies from Brazil, Russia, Spain and Germany. "This film was getting nowhere and now it's getting everywhere," he said after the Oscar ceremonies Mon-

day. "It's a dream come true."

Of course, the foreign-language prize is not exactly the moment that millions of television viewers wait for in the awards ceremony. Yet it remains a much coveted honor, one that helps draw American audiences and gives an award-winning film special kudos in other markets. Even a nomination helps greatly: In the past six weeks, "Character" has been acquired for distribu-

tion in 16 countries. Still, as van Diem well knows, prizes can also lead to frustration. He came to movies by stages, as a film buff, as a film critic and, finally, at the age of 26, as a student in film school. Then, four years later, in 1989, his graduation film, "Alaska," a 45-minute thriller, seemed to set him on the path to success, winning awards, including a Golden Calf,

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One negative review even Mike van Diem with Sharon Stone and his Oscar.

the top Dutch movie honor, for best short film and a Student Academy Award in the United States.

In 1991, a Dutch producer, Laurens Geels, took him on as an assistant director and "script doctor" and urged him to read "Character," a 1938 novel, with a view to a film version. But van Diem was not ready. Instead he wrote an original English-language screenplay called "Across the Street," which was bought by a Hollywood producer but never made into a film. "It was all rather disappointing," van Diem said. "I found myself four years out of film school without having had a professional directing job."

"E swallowed his pride and agreed to direct a 50-minute episode of a popular Dutch television series, "Called to the Bar." It proved a good experience all around, and he went on to direct seven more episodes, in the process meeting many Dutch writers, directors and actors and, crucially, regaining confidence in himself as a director. Early in 1995, he mentioned "Character" again

to Geels and this time they were ready. Set in a Dickensian Rotterdam of the 1920s and 1930s, the movie begins with Katadreuffe, a newly graduated lawyer (played by Fedja van Huet), being held on suspicion of murdering Dreverhaven,

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the much-feared court bailiff (Jan Decleir). Under interrogation, the young man then tells his story. He is the fruit of a single encounter between Dreverhaven and a housekeeper, Joba Katadreuffe, who refuses to marry the sour bailiff. Obsessed with his son but incapable of offering him love, Dreverhaven decides to prepare him for life the hard way. When Katadreuffe's first business venture fails, he finds he owes money to a bank headed by his father, who promptly takes him to bankruptcy court. Katadreuffe decides to become a lawyer and is hired as a clerk by a law firm headed by the kindly De Gankelaar (Victor Low). But he continues to be hounded by his father.

Low, who also appeared in "Antonia's Line," said van Diem showed no signs of being a rookie in the making of "Character." "First, I think he was very

courageous to take on a film of almost operatic proportions in a country where people don't applaud those who step out of line," Low said in a telephone interview from Amsterdam. 'But he managed to handle the big theme of two people in-capable of sharing love in a big way. He just went for it. If there were doubts, they

were only those he had on his mind."

Still, van Diem had fresh cause for worry after the movie was released in the Netherlands. His friends, including Jean van de Velde, the director of a hit soccer comedy, "All Stars," assured him that "Character" would be the Dutch candidate for the Academy Award nomination. But when the submission committee met, it chose "All Stars" by six votes to five. Then, re-markably, van de Velde withdrew his film, arguing that "Character" stood a better chance. "It was an incredible, noble, amazing act of friendship," van

Diem said. With "Character" being released in the United States on Friday, the director must now confront the infamous resistance of American movies to foreignlanguage movies, although the record shows that an Oscar can give a subtitled film a lift. Van Diem is counting on

Collecting his golden statue Monday night, he even made a joke of it. "This ought to tell you that [the film] probably has, you know, like, damn stunning sub-titles," he said, beaming with delight.

O New York Times/Edited by Will Short.



Liam Neeson as Oscar Wilde in "The Judas Kiss," David Hare's new play at the Playhouse.

Tale of Wilde, Love and Betrayal

By Sheridan Morley ernational Herald Tribune

ONDON - "Let England," wrote Lord Alfred Douglas in 1937, "bear all responsibility for what she did to Oscar," and it can at least be said that we have not borne our responsibility in the one thing Wilde would most have dreaded: si-

lence.

David Hare's "The Judas Kiss"
(Playhouse) is certainly the best and
most intriguing new play of the year
thus far, even if it has its problems. What
Hare has done brilliantly is to escape the
usual plod through Wilde's life and trials from birth to the last days of illness in
Paris. Instead, he has taken just two key
moments that still cause most debate moments that still cause most debate

among the experts. Hare's first act thus takes place entirely at the Cadogan Hotel on the afternoon of the conclusion of the first trial, when Wilde's friends, and indeed even the authorities, were eager for him to catch the boat train to Paris and thereby avoid arrest. For the second act, only two years later, Wilde is out of prison, back with his beloved "Bosie" Donglas and living in Neapolitan penury, while the few who still cared about them tried frantically and ultimately tri-

umphantly to bribe them apart.

Hare has always been at his best writing about betrayal and unrequited love; "Racing Demon" and "Murmuring Judges" and "Absence of War" were, respectively, about the betrayal of system and (all too topically still) the

By David Stevens

stance, with no less than three

Mahler symphonies, a lav-

ishly cast concert perfor-

mance of Strauss' "Elektra,"

and the first French hearing of

Two of the Mahler works

a major new work.

ARIS — The recent

orchestral scene has

been extraordinarily

dense in musical sub-

up alone because of their romantic ob-

"The Judas Kiss" neatly combines all these themes and more. On one level it is about a love that spoke its name rather too loudly for late Victorian sensibilities. If Wilde had an abiding sin, it was not that of homosexuality but of self-publicizing hucksterism. Yet on many of its deeper levels the play is about guilt and arrogance and revenge, and, above all, about a man who simply could not make up his mind to catch a train or abandon forever the lover who had landed him in Read-

ing Gaol. While Richard Eyre's production is characteristically steady and subtle, he has made one decidedly odd casting de-cision, which is to have Tom

Hollander play Bosie as a kind of mad dwarf, a young Dudley Moore forever snapping at the ankles of Liam Neeson's great, lumbering, constantly collapsed Oscar. No echo of the gay young man with the green carnation, no trace of the playwright or the poet, just a gigantic, fallen King Lear vaguely wondering how much worse it is all going to get. Neeson has not been on an English stage for 12 years, and on the first night his nervousness appeared to make him withdraw still further into the darkest corners that even this play affords, so that the battle for his reputation is all over before it has really begun.

In the line of Wildes that runs back in recent years through Stephen Fry, Simon Callow, Donald Sinden, Tom old Labour Party. His last two plays, "Skylight" and "Amy's View." and much earlier "Plenty" and "Secret be all things to all men), Neeson is suggestion, once made, is allowed to suggestion. Rapture," were about people who loved certainly the most physically com- and ultimately inconclusive study.

An Orchestral Explosion in Paris

Nos. 3 and 6, were brought by the Boston Symphony and

Seiji Ozawa on their Euro-

pean tour, with a substantial

bonus in the form of "The

Shadows of Time," commis-

sioned by the orchestra from

Henri Dutilleux, the dean of

Mahler's Second Symphony

were on the agenda for Sem-

yon Bychkov's final Paris

concerts with the Orchestre de

Paris, after nine seasons as the music director, a period that

has seen a generational change

The Dutilleux work, first performed last fall in Boston

and New York, makes virtu-

oso use of the orchestra's dif-

ferent choirs in its five linked

movements, beginning with a

fanfare-like outburst in the

brass and winding down at the end to a clockwork movement

that recalls the beginning.

in the orchestra's personnel.

The Strauss opera and

French composers.

not wisely but too well, and who ended manding. But the truth is that Alfred Douglas, who survived in Brighton until well into World War II, and therefore still has several living witnesses, was also an elegant kind of bruiser from old boxing stock. The two were thus more evenly matched physically than they can ever be here, and there are some dangerous moments where we drift into an almost Laurel and Hardy relationship.

Hare asks all the right questions, but seldom supplies an answer that is much more than a shrug of confusion and

despair. In truth, a lot of clues to the Wilde mystery lie in Robbie Ross, the first man to seduce him, but here again Hare gives us only a very thin portrait of an infinitely complex figure, played by Peter Capaldi rather better than the script deserves.

Ross was the third man in the Graham Greene sense of spy and moralist and villain, but Hare only sets him up like a ninepin to be knocked down repeatedly by Oscar and Bosie in their headlong flight, first toward and then away from

So you have to look in the far corners of the relationship for the real clues. Hare at one point suggests, justifiably on the evidence we have, that Bosie was really no more than Oscar's pimp, find-ing him the panthers with whom to feast but shunning any real homosexual re-lationship. This, if true, explains a great deal about Wilde's willingness to return and radio stations around to him even after two painful years in - at suber planning to provide prison on his behalf. But it is all too typical of "The Judas Kiss" that the

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Conductor Bids Farewell With Mahler and Strauss Samara estimates that 300 mills of stage representation for the \$200 fts "Memory of Shadows," and The absence of stage repredented that follows it sentation was hardly missed as

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Bychkov will take the orchestra on tour in May to Vicena, Prague, Dresden and Dresden and Dresden and Dresden and Dresden and Dresden and Dr

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awa stretched the passion of the final Adagio as far as it Bregenz, after which he moves on to posts with the The central movement of Pleyel to its foundations with Cologne Radio Orchestra and the Dresden State Opera



voices, the episode being

dedicated to Anne Frank and

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Mahler's gigantic sym-

phonies do not share space

easily, which may be why the

huge apparatus of the Sixth

Symphony, coming after the

Dutilleux, remained earth-

bound. Far more successful was the Third, which was

alone on the program of the

second concert at the Theatre

des Champs-Elysees. Flor-

ence Quivar was the superb

mezzo soprano soloist, the

Radio France choral forces

did their duties well, and Oz-

would go.

Bychkov and a starry cast,

headed by Hildegard Behrens in the title role, shook the Salle

Sciji Ozawa conducting the Boston Symphony.

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A prototype of the receivers that Noah Samara, right, plans to sell across the Third World and supply via satellite with international programming.

Wall Street to OPEC: We Don't Believe You

Stocks Surge and Oil Prices Slide on Doubts

NEW YORK — The U.S. stock market rallied strongly Tuesday as crude-oil prices slipped on doubts that oil producers would honor their pledge to cut production to lift prices.

'People are rethinking whether OPEC ministers will do what they have always done -- say one thing and do another," Joseph Barthel, chief investment strategist at Fahnestock & Co., said of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. "There is disbelief

that OPEC has gotten its act together."

Oil prices surged Monday as several of the world's top producers pledged to cut output by as much as 1.6 million barrels a day to lift prices, which had fallen to 10-year lows. On Tuesday, Qatar said it also would cut its oil profuction, and Iran's oil minister said OPEC would hold an emergency meeting soon to find ways to lift prices.

But some of the producers, notably Venezuela, have a history of producing above their promised amounts, leaving traders wary of the output targets. "People realized that there's prob-

ably not a genuine cartel and that these people cheat on each other and that this won't hold," said Louis Todd, head of equities trading at J.C. Bradford & Co. Crude prices backtracked Tuesday.
with oil for May delivery falling 59 cents
a barrel to close at \$15.92 on the New.

York Mercantile Exchange. As oil prices slipped back, so did the threat of inflation that sent stocks down Monday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 90.18 points Monday, closed 88.19 points higher at 8,904.44, just short of a record. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed 10.10 points higher at 1,105.65. Gaining issues outnumbered losing ones by a 3-to-2 ratio on the New

York Stock Exchange. Where stocks go now depends largely on the performance of corporate earn-

ings, analysts said.
"It's kind of back to normal," said Ted Theodore, director of research at Avatar Associates. "We've still got to get through the first-quarter earnings. That looks like it's going to be a little

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Radio to the World's Masses: A Well-Funded Dream

By Mike Mills Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Seven years ago, several very wealthy and very private Middle Eastern investors started to put money into a company with an unusual

Noah Samara, a Washington lawyer, was proposing building a billion-dollar company that would sell a \$200 radio offering 75 channels of digital-quality music and news from around the globe, using three satellites.

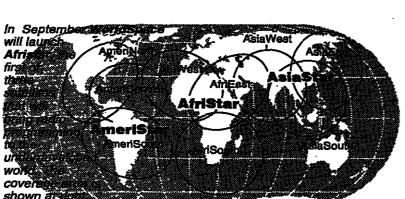
His market would be mostly developing or underdeveloped countries including India, China, much of Africa and parts of the Americas, and his revenue sources would be selling advertising, leasing channels to programmers and possibly selling premium informa-

tion services by the month. Despite the risky nature of the pla his investors have funded him with \$950 million so far. More recently, four large Japanese equipment makers agreed to manufacture the radios by the millions.

Providers of programming, including the business-news executive Michael Bloomberg, the singer Stevie Wonder and dozens of radio stations around the world, are either planning to provide or considering providing

In September, Mr. Samara, 42, the founder of WorldSpace Inc., plans to watch the launching of AfriStar, the first of three WorldSpace satellites, which is to go into orbit 22,300 miles (35.700 kilometers) above central Africa. The next two, called AsiaStar and Ameri-Star, are to be sent to hover over Asia and the Americas next year.

Most of the 4.6 billion people in WorldSpace's future listening area cannot even pick up a nearby radio station. Mr. Samara estimates that 300 million of them will eagerly pay the \$200 for the adio — he predicts the cost will start to head much lower soon. But even if he is



up and its business running.

program suppliers."

the continent.

"I think that once he gets any kind of significant penetration," said Leslie

Taylor, a Washington-based satellite in-

dustry consultant, "even as low as 20,000 to 30,000 users, he's going to

start attracting a lot more interest among

Voice of America as crucial anchor pro-

grams. Most of his initial potential customers can already get those on short-wave radio. What will excite a mass

audience, he said, is being able to hear a radio station 200 miles away, or across

People in Cape Town would love to hear Sênegal's hip Sud FM world-music

station regularly, he said, rather than having it syndicated in South Africa

only a couple of hours a day. Radio 1 FM, a music and information station in

Gambia, also is highly desired by mil-

lions outside its range.
WorldSpace also is creating its own

radio programming in unprecedented ways. Two pending projects include an

all-Swahili station and an Africa-wide

radio network, which Mr. Samara de-

scribed as the first attempt at a con-

and worked as a trade negotiator for the International Telecommunications Un-

tinental communications service, Mr. Samara was a Washington lawyer

Mr. Samara does not view the BBC or

way off. Mr. Samara says, he needs only

10 million listeners to turn a profit. "My concern is not whether I can make this a business," said Mr. Samara, who grew up in Ethiopia and Tanzania. "It's how to make it a phenomenon."

Analysts do not seem particularly concerned about WorldSpace's business prospects. Yes, its audience is hardly handpicked by Madison Avenue: Wouldbe listeners speak dozens of languages, come from widely diverse cultures and typically have low buying power and little access to goods. Even so, many who have studied Mr. Samara's business plan say the sheer scale of his intended audi-

ence makes up for those shortcomings "WorldSpace," said Thomas Watts, a satellite industry analyst for Merrill Lynch & Co., "serves a very large po-tential market for consumer products that cannot be reached by any other advertising medium."

Mr. Samara said 20 percent of his satellite capacity already was filled with programs, including Bloomberg News, which is leasing 23 channels. He said he also had met with Mr. Wonder, who owns radio stations and is interested in providing programming to an African audience. Analysts say other big names, such as British Broadcasting Corp. or Voice of America, are likely to join soon after WorldSpace gets its first satellite

ion's meetings of the World Adminis-trative Radio Conference, a sort of United Nations for the airwaves that hands out blocks of radio spectrum to nations and businesses. In April 1990, he came up with the idea to launch a satellite over Africa to provide basic radio service. He left the law firm, developed a business plan and met with venture capital contacts he had made along the way.

Now that Mr. Samara is ready to start offering his service, attention is focused on whether he will be able to sell advertising and whether WorldSpace can procure the kinds of programs that people will want to pay for.

But Mr. Samara's concerns go beyoud the bottom line. He said he hoped WorldSpace would help plant the seeds of a pan-African consciousness.

'Ten years from now." said Steven Gavenas, vice president for commercial operations, "every radio on the coninent will have this capacity built into it. It really will feel like the world is in

Boeing Can't Catch Up

SEATTLE — Boeing Co. said Tuesday that it would miss its delivery goals for the first quarter and that it might have to take an additional charge against first-quarter earnings to account for continuing production

Boeing said it would deliver 110 aircraft in the first quarter, five planes short of its goal of 115 planes.

pany had experienced a surge in costly out-of-sequence work on the next-generation 737 in the past month asso-ciated with design changes required by U.S. and European regulators.

In October, Boeing disclosed that it would have to take \$2.6 billion in pretax charges against earnings by the end of 1998, the vast majority of which was taken against second-half (Reuters, Bloomberg)

But the changes demanded by regulators, particularly a new exit door required by Europe's Joint Aviation Authorities, have left 28 of the twinengine jets sitting outside Boeing's factories awaiting modifications.

"The company is assessing the fi-nancial impact of these ongoing production problems," Mr. Woodard said.

Boeing, the world's largest aircraft Ron Woodard, president of Boeing's maker, reassured investors last month commercial jet division, said the com-that the assembly-line problems were on their way to being solved. The update shows that Boeing still does not know exactly how much it will cost to take care of the product shortages and behind-schedule work that emerged last fall when it was in the middle of doubling production in 18

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Rupiah Surges as IMF Tensions Ease Jakarta agreed to in exchange for \$40 billion in aid from the IMF, would bring centage points Monday. The govern-JAKARTA — The rupiah surged ment also scrapped a proposed 5 per-Tuesday as the International Monetary cent tax on foreign-currency purchases much-needed revenue, as the Fund has after consultations with the IMF. Finance Minister Fuad Bawazier withheld a \$3 billion tranche of the aid.

Fund endorsed Indonesia's move to raise interest rates.

falling as low as 8,500 rupiah in Asia from 9,250 rupiah, its close there Mon-

"The IMF and Indonesia seem to be getting closer and improving their relationship," said Jimmy Koh of Independent Economic Applications of the plan in talks with the IMF.

"Let us wait to conclude the talks," he said. "It's a very comprehensive package, very wide to the plan in talks with the IMF. ings) Pte. The central bank raised key interest rates an average of 12.7 per-

Cross Rates

The rupiah rose to its highest level in said Tuesday that Indonesia was close more than a month, with the dollar to a comprehensive package of measures to lift the country out of its worst economic crisis in three decades. He

> A successful conclusion of the talks, which include a review of reforms that

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A total of \$2.5 billion from the World Rank and the Asian Development Bank also would be released.

Diplomatic and political analysts said relations between Jakarra and the Fund warmed appreciably in recent days after a period of strain. Indonesia appeared to be back on an IMF-spproved track of reform and had won some concessions from the Fund, they said, including permission to continue subsidies on essential commodities.



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Very briefly:

 Tele-Communications Inc., an operator of cable systems, reported a fourth-quarter loss of \$392 million, reversing a profit of \$722 million a year earlier.

• Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Inc.'s investment fund agreed to buy 90 percent of Insilco Corp. for \$437 million, giving the industrial-parts maker and yearbook publisher the resources it needs to expand.

 Chiron Corp. named Sean Lance, formerly of Glaxo Wellcome PLC, as its chief executive officer, ending a 14month search by the biotechnology company.

 The Securities and Exchange Commission suspended trading in the securities of Shopping.com Inc., an Internet chance that Tokyo might present bold stimulus measures Thursday. retailer, on grounds of possible market manipulation.

• PepsiCo Inc.'s chief executive, Roger Enrico, will donate his 1998 salary to scholarships for children of PepsiCo employees. His decision comes as chief executives face shareholder anger over their skyrocketing compensation.

• Ameritech Corp., a local phone company, will eliminate \$3 billion in expenses through 2002 to try to sustain at least 10 percent annual earnings growth.

• Brazil posted a \$441 million trade deficit for the first 22 days of March, as exports of soybeans were delayed by rains and manufacturers imported more capital goods. Bloomberg, AP

FelCor to Buy Bristol's Hotel Unit

DALLAS - FelCor Suite Hotels Inc. agreed Tuesday to buy Bristol Hotel Co.'s hotels for about \$1.9 billion in stock and assumed debt, to make it the largest owner of Holiday Inns.

Before the purchase, Bristol said it would spin off a new company that would manage its former hotels. The purchase would more than double the number of hotels owned by FelCor. Bristol shares closed at \$26.1875, down \$1.4375. FelCor shares ended at \$35.625, down 50 cents.

When Business Sours: 'El Niño Ate My Profits'

By James Schembari New York Times Service

Dollar Meanders

As Market Awaits

Market News

little changed against other major

currencies Tuesday as investors

awaited the release of key European

convergence reports Wednesday and

Japan's latest economic stimulus

The European Commission and

the European Monetary Institute will

announce Wednesday which coun-tries will be included in the first round

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of the single currency, the euro, next

year. But only a surprise announce-

ment - such as Italy being left out

or Greece being in the first euro-

zone — would be likely to have

to be whitewashed," said Alfonso Alejo, a trader at Sakura Bank.

The dollar edged up to 1.8282 Deutsche marks in 4 P.M. trading

from 1.8262 DM on Monday but fell to 130.275 yen from 130.475 yen. The U.S. currency was also at

1.4903 Swiss francs, up from 1.4890 francs, and at 6.1268 French francs,

The pound was at \$1.6750, down

Traders said fiscal requirements

had long been overshadowed by

political will in the building of a

against the mark, Mr. Alejo said.

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bit rocky." Financial companies

low inflation tends to keep interest

rates down. Record earnings from

Goldman Sachs Group, a finance

industry bellwether, also bolstered

pretax earnings rose 13 percent to a record \$1.02 billion as trading, bond

underwriting and fees from advising

on takeovers surged.

Goldman Sachs said first-quarter

up from 6.1213 francs.

from \$1.6791.

"I think the EMI report is going

measures Thursday.

NEW YORK — The dollar was

Report on Euro

NEW YORK — Three years ago it was O. J. Simpson's fault. In 1996, the Summer Olympics were blamed. Just last fall, the fingers were pointed at Diana, Princess of Wales, of all people. When companies lose money, seemingly nothing is safe from taking the blame, except, maybe, the companies

themselves. This year's scapegoat is particularly defenseless: El Niño.

Granted, the weird weather is the reason the anchovies of Peru left for cooler waters, the lobster catch is off in Cuba and gold mining has slowed in Guyana But declining sales of sunglasses? A shrinking

Stores and Big Dog Holdings all cited El Niño for hurting sales. LaCrosse Footwear said it sold fewer shoes, Toro complained of lower snow blower sales and Callaway Golf did not sell as many clubs.

Glacier Water Services did not sell as much purified water. With the sun behind the clouds so often in California, sales of sunglasses at Sunglass Hut were not up to snuff.

blaming El Niño that some analysts wonder if this is not just the latest dog ate my homework" excuse.
"There's a habit to play up

events of very low consequence, said Martin Fridson, a managing director of Merrill Lynch. "The golf club market? No matter. Over nice thing about El Niño is that it's the last month or so, one company an act of God and nobody is going after another has reported poorer to blame management for a weath-numbers and blamed El Niño for er pattern."

Or as Robert Streed, a money Saks Holdings, the parent of Saks
Fifth Avenue, said in a monthly
sales report that February sales were
off because rain caused by El Niño

Off as Robert Succe, a monthly
in: "There's a joke that goes around
my office: Whenever a retailer reports bad sales it is because of the

management.

people inside watching his trial in-quarter. But eventually they have to stead of going out to shop. Even account for their losses, and an act Diana's funeral was blamed for of God is often an easy way out. keeping people at home.

"People were so transfixed by Indeed, so many companies are shopping?" Mr. Fridson said. "Can they prove that, can they measure that? I think the whole idea is to blow smoke in the investor's eyes.

> takes place on an even larger scale. sinking affected the stock market in can dress lighter and tan faster." 1912, no company had the gumption to blame the disaster for poor earnings. But some South Korean skeptical about the whole El Niño executives are complaining that the wildly popular movie "Titanic" is endemic in the system." he said. siphoning money from the nation's

struggling economy. ation of more t Mr. Fridson sees something at jobs in January.

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> Peter Bernstein, an economic effect. "If El Niño was something "you wouldn't have seen the creation of more than 300,000 new

Sun Set to Sign New Deals for Java Language

By John Markoff

to announce several new deals with

consumer-electronics manufacturers

MARKETS: Stocks Rise as Wall Street Dismisses Oil Pact

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Sun announced Tuesday that LM Ericcson AB, the Swedish telecommunications giant, will license Java for use in cellular telephones. It is also close to a licensing agreement with Sony Corp., said an industry executive with knowledge of talks

between the two companies. Executives at Sun and Sony confirmed Monday that there had been talks about licensing.

report strong profits despite slower sales in Asia. Investors are betting that "maybe Asia is already factored

Eric McKissack, a portfolio man-

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(Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

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Apple Computer rose 1% to 28

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This is the first year that the Java ufacturers was likely to make it language will be widely available more difficult for Microsoft Corp. to for devices other than computers. Sun now has 150 Java licensees, including deals with the major cellular phone companies, Motorola Inc., Nokia Group and Ericsson.

Industry analysts said Monday that Sun's success in achieving broad licensing arrangements

among consumer-electronics man-Microsoft to Open

SEATTLE - Microsoft Corp. plans to open a software development center in India, only its second outside the com-

Facility in India

pany's U.S. headquarters. The center is to open this year in Hyderabad in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, company executives

"The primary reason we are doing this is the availability of a large amount of talent in India," a company spokesman said.

fragment Sun's Java business.

Java is widely seen as a threat to Microsoft because programs written in the language can run on most computers irrespective of what operating system they use. Entire suites of programs written in Java could greatly reduce the need for Microsoft's Windows operating system.

In fact, Sun is also close to announcing an agreement with International Business Machines Corp. in which the two companies will agree to cooperate on developing a Java heis and Linic, Bar operating system for a variety of consumer and embedded applications.

All these developments and licensing accords show that Java is quickly making inroads in consumer devices like telephones, stereo equipment and set-top cable boxes that Microsoft hopes will run its Windows CE operating system.

Still, there is no clear winner yet. Sony, for example, is in talks with both Microsoft and Sun. A Sony spokesman said Monday that the company was interested in new software technologies to run devices like home networks, digital television and interactive set-top cable-TV boxes.

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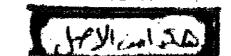
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A Fairy-Tale Publisher Realizes Its U.S. Dreams

Purchase Expands Bertelsmann's Reach

By Edmund L. Andrews New York Times Service

FRANKFURT — Bertelsmann AG has come a long way from selling books of Christian music and stories by the Brothers Grimm.

If it carries out the acquisition of Random House announced Monday, Bertelsmann would be the biggest commercial book publisher in the United States and in the world. But that would still account for less than half of an empire that includes music, magazines, broadcasting, digital television and online computer services.

That's not bad for a company whose first best-seller was "Theomeli," a book of Christian songs published in 1835, and whose first celebrity authors were the Brothers Grimm in the mid-19th century. Even now, with \$12 billion in sales and a global reach, the privately held company remains under the control of a descendant of Carl Bertelsmann.

The deal further heightens the power of Bertelsmann, which ranks as the world's third-largest media conglomerate, behind Disney Co. and Time Warner Inc., with businesses in books, magazines, broadcasting, digital paytelevision and on-line services.

In the United States, it already owns the RCA, Arista and Windham Hill record labels and such magazines as Mc-Call's, and Family Circle. It recently announced plans to create an on-line book-selling venture that would challenge the Internet leaders Amazon.com

Inc. and Barnes & Noble Inc. For all its reach, though, Bertelsmann remains closer to its paper-and-ink origins than most other globe-spanning media conglomerates, whether it is Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., which owns HarperCollins; Sumner Redstone's Viacom Inc., the parent of Simon & Schuster, or Time-Warner, which owns Warner Books and Little, Brown.

Bertelsmann has moved aggressively into digital television and formed a major alliance with America Online Inc., but its biggest business is still books.

"There is a twofold aspect to our strategy," its chief executive, Mark Woessner, said from the company's headquarters in Guetersloh. "First, we have to enlarge our great book business, which is by far our largest business. Our next strategic interest is to further expand our American situation."

Bertelsmann owns three of Germany's nationwide commercial television networks and stakes in scores of other broadcasting properties across Europe.

In the United States, Bertelsmann Books owns Bantam Doubleday Dell, which it plans to operate separately from Random House until the purchase is approved by antitrust regulators. Eventually, the two American publishing units are expected to operate under a single umbrella, supervised by Peter Olson, a Bertelsmann publishing ex-ecutive who is to become chief executive of Random House.

Industry executives say Bertelsmann has discussed buying HarperCollins from News Corp. But the move to acquire Random House, the largest American publisher of trade books for ordinary book buyers, has electrified the industry on both sides of the Atlantic.

No one seemed surprised that Bertelsmann had bought a second New York publisher: Mr. Woessner and others had openly discussed their interest in such an acquisition. But most competitors had assumed it would make a deal with Mr. Murdoch, who has shown less interest in books than in his other media interests and recently stirred concern over conflicts of interest when HarperCollins canceled a critical book on China written by Chris Patten, the last British governor of Hong Kong. Mr. Murdoch is seeking to expand his satellite-television network into China.



Mr. Middelhoff, seated, and Mr. Olson, who jointly lassoed Random House.

The man behind the surprise move is Thomas Middelhoff, the architect of Bertelsmann's expansion into multimedia services. Mr. Woessner announced last July that Mr. Middelhoff would succeed him as chairman of the Bertelsmann global empire this October.

Mr. Middelhoff is a confident strategist and a tough negotiator. When Bertelsmann was locked in a brutal brawl over digital television with the Munich-based Kirch Group, which owns German rights to a vast library of movies and television programming, Bertels-mann refused to reach an agreement until preserved the control it wanted.

Over the past few years, Bertelsmann has appeared to vaciliate about plunging into multimedia products. Though it teamed up with Kirch Group and Canal Plus SA of France to launch Germany's first pay-television service, Premier, Bertelsmann executives often spoke disparagingly about more advanced services such as movies on demand.

Bertelsmann and Kirch finally worked out an agreement last year to roll out advanced services, in conjunc-

tion with Deutsche Telekom AG. But European competition regulators have sharply criticized those plans, and the alliance's prospects remain unclear.

Meanwhile, Bertelsmann has plunged

ahead in its alliance with America Online. Less than three years after the debut of America Online's Germany service, the company has more than I million customers. Bertelsmann also helped finance America Online's takeover of CompuServe Corp.'s customers, which means that the joint venture now serves an additional 800,000 users.

Through all the jockeying in elec-tronic media, both Mr. Woessner and Mr. Middelhoff have said that book publishing remains central to Bertelsmann's future. They also remained deeply interested in expanding their American presence, hoping to capitalize on the world's largest media market.

Shortly after Mr. Middelhoff was anointed as the heir-apparent to Mr. Woessner, he began spending more time in New York. Mr. Woessner said he wanted his successor to increase his familiarity with the American publishing industry, but Mr. Middelhoff also came with a mandate to look for possible acquisitions. The deal announced Monday was negotiated primarily by Mr. Middelhoff and Mr. Olson, an American who heads Bertelsmann Book Group North America.

At the moment, the United States accounts for about one-quarter of Berteismann's worldwide sales, and Mr. Middelhoff has said that he would like to increase that share to at least 40 percent. If Bertelsmann succeeds in acquiring Random House, which is now owned by Advanced Publications Inc., the United States would account for

Building Random House Begun in 1923, It Rose to Literary Heights

By Dinitia Smith New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In 1923, Benneft Cerf and Donald Klopfer, the founders of Random House, set up shop as the Modern Library in a tiny ninth-floor office at 73 W. 45th St., with their desks facing each other and sharing a secretary.
It was an era when "handselling" was

not just a quaint term to describe the practice of a salesman personally recommending a book to a customer. "Hand-selling" for Mr. Cerf and Mr. Klopfer meant carrying books to stores themselves, writing their own editorial and advertising copy, all out of a passionate love of books, writing and authors.

Their approach was a success, and they expanded their business, founding Random House in 1927. From that grew the immeuse enterprise that is now being acquired by Bertelsmann AG.

Their first book was an edition of Voltaire's "Candide," illustrated by Rockwell Kent.

As much as anything, it was Mr. Cerf's large personality that propelled Random House forward. One of his first major authors was Eugene O'Neill To get him, he bypassed Mr. O'Neill's agent, and flew to Sea Island, Georgia, where he charmed the playwright into signing with Random House Mr. O'Neill "was the most beautiful man I ever met," Mr. Cerf wrote in his memoir, "At Random."

Later, Mr. Cerf traveled to Paris to meet James Joyce, whom he found with his arm in a sling and his foot bandaged: he had been hit by a car. In 1934, Random House successfully defeated a govern-ment ban on publishing the full text of "Ulysses." Random House had laid the groundwork for other houses to publish works as they saw fit, and Mr. Cerf-

became a spokesman for the industry. Mr. Cerf was publisher, friend and nursemaid to his writers, once carrying a drunken William Faulkner to the hospital after the author had burned himself

on a radiator. The publisher worked on hunches and instinct, signing up the young Armenian-American writer William Saroyan on a tip without meeting him or reading his work. He spotted a short story by Truman Capote in Mademoiselle, and put Mr. Capote under contract for the book that became "Other Voices, Other Rooms."

And though Mr. Cerf was shrewd about profits, he was willing to take a chance with an author. When he published Gertrude Stein's "The Geographical History of America or the Relations of Human Nature to the Human Mind." he wrote on the racket copy: "I must admit frankly that I do not know what Miss Stein is talking about. I

do not even understand the title." Mr. Cerf's kind of publishing would be impossible in today's world of formal editorial meetings and computerized sales records that dog authors as they move from publisher to publisher.

"It was very casual," said Jason Ep-stein, the editor of Norman Mailer and B.L. Doctorow. "Everyone understood it was not a business like selling steel or shoes. It was a sport, a game for gentlemen who could support themselves in

other ways."

Eventually the company moved to a wing of the old Villard Mansion at Madison Avenue and 51st Street, and in 1960 Mr. Cerf bought the firm of his idol, Aifred Knopf, the publisher of Thomas Mann and T.S. Eliot Mr. Knopf had founded his company

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in 1915, believing that American tastes were maturing, and that Americans were ready to read the works of Euro-

pean authors.
Mr. Knopf, whom The New Yorker described as wearing an expression per-petually "intolerant and long-suffercould not have been more unlike the ebullient Mr. Cerf. The writer John Hershey called Mr. Knopf "the sworn enemy of hogwash, bunk, gas, rubbish and a scourge of hypocrites and shod-

Mr. Knopf was said to view every book he published as a work of art. At one point, he had more Nobel Prizewinning authors than any other house in America, although a significant part of its revenues came from the mystic Kahlil Gibran's book, "The Prophet."

"I think that best-sellers should be abolished by law," Mr. Knopf said. "They're just another example of run-

ning with the crowd."

Publishers no longer utter such words, and today, Knopf publishes its share of mass-market authors, too, Anne Rice and Michael Crichton among them. Knopf's parent company, Random House, depends on a quaint tale of a murder and drag queen set in Savannah, Georgia, John Berendt's "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," to help keep the ship afloat.

Still, Mr. Epstein said: "The essential process of editing and publishing has not changed and never will. There are no short cuts to it and no way of doing it differently."

It is just that publishing is no longer a gentleman's game.

Malaysia Cuts Growth Outlook

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia on Tuesday lowered its estimate for economic growth and raised its inflation forecast for 1998.

Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim said the economy was likely to expand 2 percent to 3 percent this year, less than the 4 to 5 percent growth he forecast just three months ago. That would be the slowest rate of growth in more than a

Mr. Anwar also said he expected inflation to accelerate, to a rate of 7 to 8 percent in 1998 from 2.7 percent last year, as the slide of the ringgit, U.S. dollar made imports more expens-

The revised forecasts, made in a speech to Parliament, are part of an offensive to woo investors back to Malaysia's stock market.

points. Mr. Anwar also said that the foreign ownership ceiling of 30 percent in the banking sector would stay in place, as would caps on foreigners' equity in industries such as telecommunication, insurance and stockbrok-

Analysts voiced disappointment over the decision to leave the ceiling at 30

'What's the harm in raising that to 49 percent?" asked Steve Clayton, managing director of Caspian Research Malaysia Bhd. What is going to be needed in

Malaysia is foreign capital, and that's a Mr. Anwar said Malaysia had already

eased the ownership limits in financial services, insurance and the securities

The current-account deficit — which includes services as well as merchan-But stocks slid Tuesday in Kuala dise - is expected to be 1 percent of Anwar Ibrahim presenting the Lumpur, with the benchmark composite gross national product in 1998, he revised forecast on Tuesday.

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SEOUL - USX Corp. is seeking a parmer for a joint bid to take over an insolvent South Asian arkets from which it

which already has an American joint venture with USX, received a letter from the Pittsburgh-based steel and energy company this month Young Ho, a POSCO executive, said Tuesday.

getting into Korea and other its business must be a key reason behind the proposal."

five months ago.

A takeover also would for steel provide a lifeline to Hanbo, which has an unfinished \$7 hands, after more than a year the world's sixth-biggest

South Korea consumed more than 5 percent of the world's steel last year to feed second in output to Japan's, world's fifth-largest.

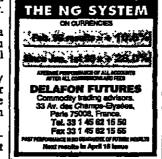
If the deal went through, it second-biggest steel produ-would be the latest in a raft of cer and a company under de Sohn of Clarion said. "USX foreign acquisitions of South facto government control, has may team up with other Asian Korean companies that were so far resisted government ur- firms to buy Hanbo.' Korean steel producer, a move made cheap by the collapse of gings to take over Hanbo. The endangered company's unshares are worth about \$18 finished mill would require it ately want to see the company million on the stock market, to increase its investment just sold. "Hanbo creditors will compared with \$34 million as the slowing South Korean make very big concessions if

> "We have yet to begin negotiations with USX, but I billion steel plant on its don't think Hanbo Steel will be a profitable business," Mr. in the bankruptcy courts, and it would give USX access to USX and POSCO USX and POSCO have a joint venture in Pittsburgh

that produces cold-rolled coil for the U.S. market.
Analysts say USX may have to join forces with other Asian companies that have been looking at South Korean

'Some Taiwanese companies, too, have shown interest

Creditors of Hanbo, who are owed \$6 billion, despereconomy depresses demand any buyer appears," the ana-



USX Seeks Partner to Enter Asia's Steel Market

that would give it access to the won last year. Hanbo's

has been largely absent. Pohang Iron & Steel Co., suggesting a joint acquisition of Hanbo Steel Co., Sohn

"This is a cheaper way of 'Asian neighbors,' said Bill Sonn, an analyst at Clarion Securities Co. "USX has little its shipvards, which rank exposure to the lucrative Asian markets. Global positioning of and its auto industry, the steelmakers.

Daihatsu Pulls Out of Thailand. **Ending Production and Sales**

TOKYO - Daihatsu Motor Co. has stopped production in Thailand, the company said Tuesday, and will close its sales butlets there at the end of the month, becoming the first Japanese automaker to pull out of the economically troubled Southeast Asian country.

Daihatsu, the second-largest Japanese producer of minicars - vehicles with engine sizes of 660 cubic centimeters or less — will shut down the sales affiliate Daihatsu-Phranakorn Motor Co. at the end of this month, Ken Koike, a company spokesman, said. It ended a production deal with Bangkok-

based Bangchan General Assembly Co. last month.
"We'll look at how things go," Mr. Koike said, before deciding whether to resume production and sales in Thailand. Daihatsu said it would set up a subsidiary next month with 20 employees to provide after-sales service and auto parts. The Toyota Motor Corp. affiliate, which makes the Mira 850cc pickup truck in Thailand, sold just 160 vehicles in the country in 1997, compared with a peak of 4,000 in 1995. Mr. Koike said. The baht began plunging last July and has lost almost a third of its value against the yen over the past year, raising prices for imported cars and those produced mostly

with imported parts.

The weak baht also hurts earnings of Japanese companies in Thailand when they repatriate their profits and convert them to

But Mr. Koike said the Thai pullout would not have a ignificant impact on Daihatsu's earnings.

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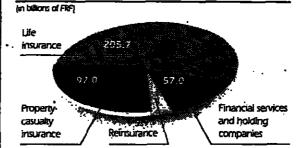
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Net earnings: FRF 7.9 billion

Revenue: consolidated revenue rose 12.3% to FRF 364.4 billion. On a comparable basis (constant currency, accounting method and structural basis), revenue growth reached 8.7%. Growth was particularly solid in life insurance and financial services. In property-casualty and reinsurance, revenue was stable.

Breakdown of Consolidated Revenue by Business



Total: FRF 364.6 billion

Consolidated Net Income: 1997 net income. Group share totaled FRF 7.92 billion, confirming the improved profitability of the insurance and asset management businesses communicated for the first half of the year. Net earnings per share reached FRF 24.34, an increase of 19.5%. The increase in fully dilluted earnings per share, i.e. taking into account convertible bonds redeemable in stock and subscription options, climbed 24.7% versus the previous year, to FRF 22.84. This exceeds the Group's target of an average of 15% a year for the

Consolidated Net Income, Group Share by Line of Business (in milions of FRF)

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Life Insurance	3,928	1,612
Property-casualty insurance	2,359	525
Reinsurance	813	579
Financial services	2,415	950
Holding companies	(1,595)	143
Total	7,920	3,809

(1) AXA SA's net income for 1996 is given for information purposes only Life Insurance operations contributed FRF 3,928 billion to net income, Group share, thanks to business growth and satisfactory investment results. Europe contributed FRF 3,218 billion of the total, including FRF 1.314 billion for the UK, FRF 812 million for France, and 616 million for Belgium. The contribution from US life insurance operations climbed to FRF 379 million, from FRF 143 million the prior year National Mutual Asia contributed FRF 269 million.

Property-casualty Insurance operations contributed FRF 2.359 billion to consolidated net income, Group share, maintaining its underwriting results and cost-control efforts under adverse market conditions. In addition, investment results were good in most countries where the Group operates. Europe contributed FRF 2.662 billion to this total, including FRF 1.211 billion for France and FRF 650 million and FRF 516 million for Belgium and Germany respectively. Some activities made a negative contribution to consolidated net income, notably direct insurance, due to high development costs, and Asian businesses, where equity portfolio values were reduced to reflect the general decline in the

region's markets

The increased contribution from reinsurance operations was significant, reaching FRF 813 million, buoyed by satisfactory investment. results and the absence of any major claims

The financial services contribution to consolidated net income, Group share totaled FRF 2.415 billion. The American financial services contribution increased by 90%, to FRF 1.742 billion, in an extremely builish market context.

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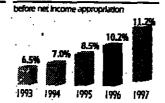
The Group attained 11.2% return on equity in 1997, reaching the objective it had set for 1998 one year ahead of schedule. This puts it well on track for its medium-term target of 15%.

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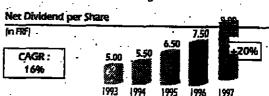
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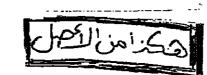
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Dividend: At the Ordinary and Extraordinary Meeting scheduled for 6 May 1998 at the Palais des Congrès in Paris, the dividend amount and payout date will be submitted to shareholders for approval. A dividend of FRF 9 will be proposed, versus FRF 7.50 for 1996, an increase of 20%. The coupon detachment date is 11 May 1998. Including the tax credit, the total dividend amount is FRF 13.50. AXA's objective is to maintain its pay-out ratio at 35-40% of earnings.



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AND ALMOST TRIPPING ON THE hem of her diaphanous gown, the young bride fought back tears of

irritation. Much as she abhorred the idea of a row with her new husband

on only their second day of wedded bliss, she could not imagine why he was insisting she made her way to the moonlit Raffles' poolside in full

evening regalia. 'Are you sure the restaurant's this way, darling?' she ventured through gritted teeth, all too aware of her husband's famously

poor sense of direction. Only I'm not really dressed for one of your short

cuts.' It was then that the tears began to flow in earnest. For there at the poolside, bathed in a soft candlelit glow, was an exquisite table à deux

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EU Raises the Heat On Credit Lyonnais

BRUSSELS — The European Paris has been rising as France resists Union's top antimust official Mr. Van Miert's calls for a quick sale threatened Tuesday to apply "much of Credit Lyonnais to private in-stricter conditions" to the French vestors as well as the sale of most of bailout of state-owned Credit Ly- its European assets outside France. onnais SA, demanding that France take action by next week.

sioner, Karel Van Miert, said an acmoney it is likely to get from the cord on a new plan had been delayed sale, as the bank's recovery adds to by disagreements over which assets its value. the bank needed to sell and the French government's refusal to ac- chairman and chief executive, said celerate the sale of the bank to private investors. The plan follows one approved by the EU in 1995 that had to be revised as the French state con- next year.

timed to pour money into the bank "We've been trying to sort things out, but until now without success," Mr. Van Miert said. "The progress isn't satisfactory."

The battle between Mr. Van Miert and the French authorities involves of its results, however, Mr. Van the biggest bailout EU antitrust authorities have had to contend with. Saving Credit Lyonnais, which aimed to become Europe's largest bank, is expected to cost the French state as much as 190 billion francs yet, and were therefore "illegal." (\$31 billion), according to figures
The bank could find itself in an previously mentioned by Mr. Van
awkward position if the EU does not Miert. The cost has escalated from 45 billion francs in 1995, to represent roughly 10,000 francs per

Tension between Brussels and

France is dragging its feet, analysts said, because the longer it waits The EU's competition commis- to sell Credit Lyonnais, the more

> Jean Peyrelevade, the bank's over the weekend that the bank was probably worth 40 billion francs today and could be worth even more

> Last Thursday, Credit Lyonnais posted a profit of 1.2 billion francs for 1997, five times the amount it earned in 1996, when it posted a profit of 202 million francs.

> After the bank's announcement Miert took the unusual step of questioning publicly their validity. In a surprise statement, he said the results assumed state aid of 3 billion francs that the EU had not cleared

approve the new 3 billion franc aid by the time the bank's shareholders hold their annual meeting in June, to approve the bank's 1997 results.

Europe Is Urged To Form Alliances In Aerospace

PARIS — The big European aerospace companies should forge specialized alliances as a way of competing globally; the French defense minister said in an interview published Tues-

Alain Richard, speaking in an interview with a financial daily. Les Echos, also said French companies should pool their military businesses along sector lines.

France's state-owned Aerospatiale, British Aerospace PLC and Daimler-Benz Aero-space AG of Germany are due to present a blueprint for re-shaping military and commer-cial aerospace by the end of the month to confront competition from the U.S. titans Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp. Mr. Richard urged that

Dassault Aviation of France and British Aerospace work together on combat aircraft. The two compete with the Mirage 2000 and the Tornado and have the new Rafale and Eurofighter jets vying for export sales.

"Some points are essential, particularly that the future European entity combine all the European activities in combat aircraft," Mr. Richard said.

French Output Figures Point to Faster Growth

By Susannah Patton Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS - France's economy, recovering after a period of slow growth, showed signs Tuesday that it would not lose steam soon.

January and housing starts rose at consumption." their fastest pace in three years, remore evidence the economy would expand more this year than last.

unemployment, rising consumer latest sign that France's economy is acterized the dip as a "pause," two years of sluggish performance. positive trend. The French government is counting on growth of 3 percent this year, up from 2.4 percent in 1997.

Production of such manufactured in the three months ended in January from the comparable period a year Deutsche Bank who is expected, the national statistics office 1998 growth of 2.7 percent. Insee said. Meanwhile, the Housing Ministry reported that new-home construction rose 2.7 percent in February and 5.4 percent in the three months to the end of February.

flected an increase in domestic de- sumer spending are very good."

mand, which has joined with ex-ports to drive growth in France. The key to the strong growth

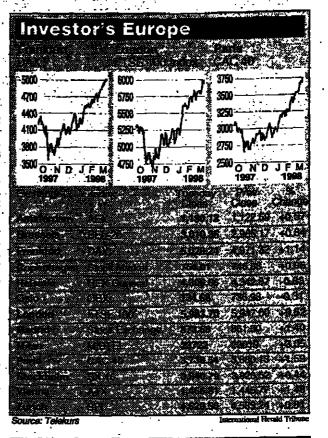
scenario is that domestic demand is picking up," said David Nande, an economist at J.P. Morgan in Paris. The labor market is improving in French industrial output surged in France, and that is helping to boost

France's unemployment rate fell ports showed, and economists said to 12.1 percent in January from a the fresh economic data provided postwar high of 12.6 percent last June. That helped raise consumer spending by an annual 5.5 percent in The figures, on the heels of recent January, compared with 0.2 percent economic data showing a drop in for all of 1997.

The manufacturing output figures spending and growing confidence showed a slight 1.1 percent drop among French households, are the from December. Economists charset to grow strongly this year after however, rather than a reversal of a

Still, some economists warned that the Asian financial crisis and France's plans to legislate a 35-hour workweek could slow economic goods as cars, appliances and the growth. "Those two factors cloud parts to make them rose 8.8 percent the picture for forecasting," said the picture for forecasting," said Patrick Mange, an economist at Deutsche Bank who is expecting

Eric Chaney, economist at Morgan Stanley, added: "Growth is due to slow down a bit in France and other European countries as the effects of the Asian crisis are felt. But I'm not Economists said the figures re- worried, because prospects for con-



Very briefly:

 Western Germany's annual inflation rate hit a 10-year low of l percent this month amid falling prices for energy, vacations and telephone calls. Consumer prices fell 0.2 percent this month, strengthening expectations that interest rates will not rise.

• Germany will appoint the Bundesbank's chief economist, Omar Issing, to the six-member executive board of the future European Central Bank, where he will join members from Finland, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands and France in overseeing the Jan. 1 start of the common currency, the euro.

 AO Yuksi Oil Co. plans a strategic alliance with Schlumberger Ltd. of New York, an oil-field services company; the Russian oil company concluded a partnership deal Monday with Elf Aquitaine SA of France.

• Russia went ahead with its delayed issue of Deutsche mark-denominated Eurobonds and raised the amount to 1.25 billion Deutsche marks (\$684.5 million) from 1 billion amid strong demand for the paper.

• SEAT SA, Volkswagen AG's Spanish carmaking unit, said its profit more than doubled in 1997, helped by sales of its an early-retirement plan aimed at SEAT brand cars, particularly its Ibiza model. SEAT earned reducing labor costs, Bloomberg 11.1 billion peseras (\$71.6 million) in 1997, up from 5.3 billion pesetas in 1996, when it ended a five-year string of losses.

 Savoy Hotel PLC's net income last year was £17.7 million (\$29.7 million), reversing a net loss a year earlier of £26.8 million, amid strong demand for rooms at its four London

• Fresenius AG, a provider of dialysis products and services. said fourth-quarter profit rose 20 percent, to 55 million DM, as it bought health centers in Europe and increased its sales in Latin America and Asia.

• The Swiss National Bank is accepting as much as 2 billion Swiss francs (\$1.3 billion) in bids for two sets of government bonds; it also announced the auction of Switzerland's first-

Audi's chairman, Franz-Josef Paefgen, outlining the auto- solid growth with a sales volume maker's glowing 1997 profit report and 1998 forecast Tuesday. above the previous year's level."

Audi Sees Improvement on Record Profit

FRANKFURT — Audi AG re-

ported its best-ever annual results Tuesday and said further increases in sales and profit were possible in 1998. Net profit rose 22 percent last growth might not match the sales year, to 367 million Deutsche marks (\$200.5 million).

Chairman Franz-Josef Paefgen said the luxury car division of Volkswagen AG had raced through two "magic" boundaries in 1997, with sales exceeding 20 billion DM and deliveries of more than 500,000 are already sold out for 1998. vehicles. At 22.4 billion DM, sales were up 19 percent, and the company delivered 546,436 vehicles, an 11 percent increase over 1996. "In 1998," he said, "we expect

Andi said group sales would reach 6.5 billion DM in the first three months of this year 29 percent more

WW Early Retirement Pact months of this year, 29 percent more than in the like period in 1997.

But Mr. Paefgen said profit 95,000 German workers on terms of growth because Audi was running out of production capacity.

Audi faces production bottlenecks at its main plants in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm in southern Germany as it struggles to cope with demand for its top-end A6 and A8 models, which

The automaker said it was considering ways to increase capacity, including expanding existing plants. A Brazilian plant is to open in early 1999, and the company said it might

News reported from Wolfsburg,

Volkswagen agreed with its

Employees between the ages of 55 and 60 will be able to work at least half of their remaining years until retirement and receive an average of 85 percent of their monthly salary ring the entire period. VW will pay full pension insurance contributions

for the years to retirement. Klaus Volkert, head of the workers council, said VW, which saw profit build a plant in or outside Germany double last year to 1.36 billion DM, but added that no concrete plans ex-should pay workers a special bonus.

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World Bank Accepts a Share of Blame for Asia Crisis

By Philip Segal International Herald Tribune

HONG KONG - The World Bank blamed local governments, foreign investors and international foreign investors and international World Bank said. "Yet few appre-institutions such as itself Tuesday ciated the depth of the structural ticipate Asia's financial crisis, and it mies. Rating agencies and internawarned that investments in and tional institutions failed to adloans to the world's emerging econ-

omies were likely to drop this year. economic vulnerabilities.

"Countries that rely on these In its annual report flows for new financing will likely face considerable difficulties in the near term," the World Bank said, predicting economic growth of 3.5 World Debt Tables percent in Malaysia and 3 percent in the bank predicted a

sia, Thailand and South Korea. The bank, in a report on Asia's being adopted by bankers and in-Crisis, Chastised governments in ternational agencies, that accents emerging economies for having inadequately regulated financial systems. It also took foreign bankers and investors to task for pouring money into emerging markets that

often provided poor returns.

The bank also had stern words for the right signals and had been taken

"There seems to have been suf- it said, "were not restrained by in- countries might help stabilize these see problems at least a year before equately assess the region's

titled Global Development Finance 1998 formerly known as the

the Phillippines this year but no slowdown in foreign money flows year over 1996, rising for the sev-growth or a contraction in Indone-to the developing world this year. It enth year in a row, to \$256 billion. highlighted a new emphasis, already the quality — not the quantity — of investment in emerging markets.

It said that in this decade in emerging economies, "distorted incentives, lax regulatory standards, poorly managed financial liberalization and inadequate disclosure and superviitself, saying international institu-tions had not been on the lookout for taking," and it placed much of the blame for the crisis on imprudent by surprise when the crisis hit last action by more developed countries. "Foreign lenders and investors,"

ficient publicly available data in adequate financial statements, high Thailand to allow observers to fore-short-term debt or the unhedged foreign-exchange exposure present in the devaluation of the baht," the the financing structure of East Asian banks and firms.

In a sign of how eager richer for either causing or failing to an- weaknesses in East Asian econo- countries were to invest in the developing world before last year's financial crisis, net inflows of to developing nations whose finanprivate long-term money still reg- cial systems cannot always product-

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The report emerges amid a debate

The debate has drawn calls from the financier George Soros, Joseph Stiglitz, the World Bank's chief economist, and others for more intervention in international capital markets. The idea is to help slow the flow of money from rich countries

istered an increase of 3.6 percent last ively handle such masses of funds. Those arguing this case have been The bank also chastised governments in staunchly opposed by

the U.S. deputy Treas-

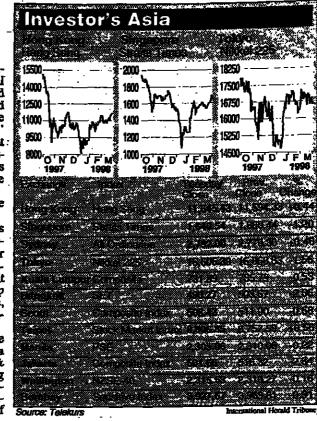
who likened the ability of businesses to raise money across borders The small increase for the year to the rise of jet travel. "Governments," he wrote recently, "can respond to the invention of the jet masked a surge of money in the first half and an almost equally heavy retreat after the onset of the Asian aircraft by lengthening the runway or by banning jet landings. It is financial crisis in July. That wariness to commit large amounts of obvious which is better." new money - especially into the stock markets of Asia - will make

The most frequently cited example of a country that has found a balance between deregulation and sensible controls is Chile, which over how to prevent another Asian taxes foreign-currency loans at a rate of 30 percent in their first year and economists increasingly dis-cussing the idea that controls on their money in the country for a ital for growth — but to ride the short-term loans to developing minimum of 12 months.

Stanley Fischer, the deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland last month that "the Chilean scheme is one that needs to be considered." The goal of Chile's system is that: with capital costing more for shortterm projects, borrowers and lenders will be more careful about where they direct the foreign funds.

The idea of controls on the Chilean model "is still an issue un der active debate," said Morris Goldstein, senior fellow in international finance at the Institute for International Economics in Washington. But it is not a care-all, and it works only if countries clean up lending practices that, for example, allow the use of real estate as collateral for short-term loans.

In a book to be published on the Asian crisis, Callum Henderson, a managing analyst at Standard & Poor's MMS International in Hong Kong, writes: "The process of globalization has already to a great extent taken financial control out of the hands of Asian political and financial authorities. The trick is not to fight that process — thereby



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WTO Sees Slower Trade Growth

GENEVA - A slowdown in Asian and U.S. economic growth could lead to a drop of two to three percentage points in the growth rate of world trade this year, the World Trade Organization said Tuesday, and it said fears of a flood of exports from Asia were exaggerated.

Exports of goods globally rose 9.5 percent in volume

terms last year, the trade body said in a report. The organization said trade growth was likely to slow in some Asian countries, such as South Korea and In-donesia, whose currencies have lost as much as two-thirds of their value against the dollar in the past six months, making imports more expensive.

"Trade prospects for 1998 remain clouded by uncertainty over the impact of the Asian financial crisis," the group said

without making a specific forecast for this year. Still, lower imports into the five countries most affected - Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea and Thailand — are unlikely to be a major brake on 1998 world trade growth, the WTO said, as these countries account for no more than 7 percent of global commerce.

Exports from the five countries will grow this year this year, the WTO said, but not as rapidly as might have been expected given the massive declines of their currencies. The countries account for a combined 3.6 percent of global gross domestic product, the organization said. (AFX, Bloomberg)

Prognosis for Japan's Economy: **Possibly Heading for Recession**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches weak economy is worsening,

two top economic officials said Tuesday in the latest grim al trade and industry, Mitsuo government statements indi- Horiuchi, urged the governcating the country could be ment to consider deep cuts in

Matsunaga said the economy was "in a severe state." Koji Omi, director-general of the Economic Planning

Agency, then said the economy remained "stagnant" and its problem was "becoming more severe."
The government conceded

late last year that economic growth was at a standstill, but many private economists and business leaders have expressed concern that the econnmy may start to shrink

The problems have put mounting pressure on the government to come up with

Hitachi Sets Chip Venture in Russia

Agence France-Presse TOKYO - Japan's Hitachi Ltd. said Tuesday it would trolled 51 percent by Hitachi form a joint venture with Russian partners in April to produce semiconductors in St.

Hitachi-Svetlana Power become the first semiconductor production facility in Russia run by a Japanese electropics manufacturer, com-

tax cuts, public spending, or TOKYO - Japan's already both to snap the economy out of the doldrums.

The minister of internation-Finance Minister Hikaru reflecting the business community's concern over the economy. His call for bold tax relief for companies and individuals came one day after senior ruling party politicians decided not to include largescale tax cuts in an economic stimulus package set for re-

lease Thursday. The governing Liberal Democratic Party has said the package will center on public works spending and will not include an income tax cut.

But senior LDP officials left open the possibility of a cut in personal income taxes. (AP, Bloomberg)

pany executives said.

The venture will be conand 49 percent by a group of Russian partners, led by AOOT Svetlana of St. Peters-

Hitachi-Svetlana Electronics, capitalized at 2.2 annual production of 100,000 million yen (\$17,000), will units of insulated gate bipolar transistors — a power semiconductor device.

Production is to start by the end of December.

Very briefly:

 Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., Hong Kong's major airline. plans to lay off an additional 130 employees as business continues to sag amid Asia's economic downturn. The move will bring to 870 the number of workers the airline has laid off since the beginning of the year.

• Hong Kong auctioned off two plots of land, including a property on exclusive Victoria Peak, for 1.21 billion dollars (\$156.2 million), topping some forecasts and bolstering confidence in the city's slumping property market.

• Japan's domestic demand for cars, trucks and buses fell 21.2 percent in February, to 524,662 vehicles, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association said. But including vehicles pro-1: duced for export, the number of vehicles built in Japan in February was nearly unchanged at 933,192, the group said.

• Oriental Land Co., the owner and operator of Tokyo Disneyland, plans to sell bonds to help finance a 400 billion yen (\$3.07 billion) expansion project.

• Japanese department-store and supermarket sales fell 6.6 percent in February from a year earlier, to 612.4 billion ven. the Japan Department Stores Association said. The decline was the 11th consecutive monthly drop.

 Japan's Finance Ministry granted Allstate Insurance Co. permission to sell auto and other types of nonlife insurance policies in Japan.

• ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd., a Swiss-Swedish conglomerate, formed a venture making power transformers with several Chinese companies including Chongqing Transformer Works.

Singapore Land Ltd. posted a 3 percent gain in profit last year, to 88.9 million Singapore dollars (\$55.7 million), lifted by higher rentals.
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The question above demonstrates how language and prejudice can make us leap to conclusions. Corporate banking is particularly rife with misconceptions.

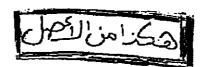
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bigger. And often for no reason at all. Which brings us back to that log and those elephants and the moral of this story which is

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GATEWAY TO THE MEKONG

REGION

I recently traveled to Kunming, in the heart of southern China, to join a unique international expedition called the Thailand-Laos-China Friendship Caravan. The caravan illustrates why Thailand is the natural gateway to the Mekong Region.

> Over six days, the other expedition members and I navigated our way over 1,300 kilometers (800 miles) of highways and four-wheel drive tracks in the upper reaches of the Mekong River Basin, passing through some of Asia's most spectacular country: terrain as widely varied as tropical rain forest and chilly highlands. Organized by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) in cooperation with the PATA Thailand Chapter, Thai Airways International and the Petroleum Au-thority of Thailand, the project is just one step in the Thai government's effort to pioneer an Indochina economic zone served by a region-wide to travelers in

an open window in the distance. We end the day in a tea garden in the heart of the city. Elderly residents play manyong in the dying light. It's a peaceful place, a world away from the traffic outside the garden gate;

DAY TWO: The Friendship Caravan kicks off at dawn as our convoy of 25 vehicles hits the streets of Kumming behind a police escort. We detour to Stone Forest, 120 kilometers southeast of Kumming, a massive collection of gray limestone pillars. Then our journey begins in earnest, a straight run toward Laos.

Southern China is traversed by water. Magnificent rivers snake the countryside, brooks tumble through hilltop

> run through field after field of sugar cane. We catch glimpses of smalltribes: a village shop, an old man and his grandson an immense pig roasting over an open fire while a man bastes if with sauce.

Between villages, we drive at a brisk pace. Sounding horns and

flashing lights, we ca-

reen at breakneck speed

around tortuous, exhilarating bends. The con-

voy stops for coffee on a

narrow road and we

gasp at the views: hy-

droelectric stations set

against a mountain

backdrop, rice terraces

climbing the steep

bluffs, seeming to defy

Tonight we stay in

Mojiang, a town that features one hotel, one

gas station and one

main street. It has taken

us 12 hours to travel 328

The view through the windows of our Jeep Cherokee shows a rural society succeeding handsomely in the task of keeping itself fed. Yet apart from diesel utility vehicles used to transport everything from people to hay to rubbish, there's no modern farm equipment in After today's drive (349 kilometers) it's easy to be opfirmistic about China's future. The government is building a

> ite access to Laos and Thailand, and the existing roads are surprisingly good.
>
> Shortly after 5 P.M. we cross the Mekong River (called the Lancang River in China), a wonderful mo-

wide transnational road

through this region to exped-

ment for us all. DAY FOUR: We wake up in Jinghong -known as the City of Dawn - the capital of Xishuangbanna Prefecture. It's the first day of the Chinese New Year and

the streets resonate with fire-

crackers. In a nearby market, holiday shoppers seem unperturbed by the noise. Jinghong is a lively, bustling town that appears to be undergoing a renaissance. Five international hotels are already open, with at least that many under con-

struction.

The prefecture is home to many tribes, but the Dai people dominate. Dai women wear colorful handwoven sarongs and often wrap their hair in beautiful headdresses. The Dai language is similar to the northem Thai dialects. Dai villages feature wooden houses raised on stilts with ducks, pigs and chickens frolicking below. In one village, about five hours from Jinghong, an elderly woman with a nut-brown face and bright pink sarong and headdress greets us. She invites us to her bouse for lunch, but regrettably our schedule prohibits us from accepting her kind invitation.

DAY FIVE: Border crossings are often fascinating, and the China-Laos checkpoint is no exception. The Chinese side consists of a motley collection of official buildings and an old gate. We stop to take photos with the Chinese guards, who oblige us with a smile. We say good-bye to our Chinese police escorts. who have done an admirable job of guiding 25 foreign vehicles over 1,000 kilometers of

diverse road without incident.

By early afternoon, the road remains rough. Mud gives way to blinding dust so fine it's like talcum powder. Visibility is reduced to

zero at times. In the late afternoon, we arrive at the Laos-Thailand frontier, a sleepy place called Huay Xai.

We catch the car ferry across the Mekong and head for Chiang Rai, known as the Gateway to the Golden Triangle. Thus ends a rewarding and memorable journey.

At the China-Laos border (above), we began the last leg of our journey. which took us: through part of Laos to Chiang Rai in northern Thailand.

We cross the half kilometer of "noman's land" between China and Laos. All around us, land is under cultivation. Immigration takes just long enough for us to wander through the duty-free store. We arrive at Luang Nam Tha and check into the basic but cheerful Udomsilpa Hotel. In the nearby market, women are selling beautiful silk and cotton weavings. Each piece takes two months to produce yet costs only \$10.

DAY SIX: Our TAT guides tell us that today will be the hardest leg of the journey and they prove to be right. We rise at 4 A.M. and head off in the darkness on a mountain road that soon deteriorates into an unpaved track. Later it worsens even further into a nutted, boggy path.

winding roads of China's Tuncan province (above), covered 1,300 kilometers of highways and fourwheel drive tracks through some of Asia"s most spectacular countryside

We slip and slide through some of the most difficult four-wheel driving possible. Hour after hour, we edge our way along. We pass over precanous bridges with wooden planks missing and views of the river below. As the sun comes up, we see villages ahead. Hordes of children and their parents line the road to cheer and grin as we drive through. Their goodwill is

Stone Forest (left), 120 kilometers southeast of the Chinese city of Kumming, is a massive collection of gray limestone pillars that ... resemble monoliths of rock in a lunar

search of adventure. As a link in

the Amazing Thailand cam-

paign, it highlights Thailand's

role as the natural hub of the

Greater Mekong Subregion

(China's Yunnan Province, My-

anmar, Laos, Vietnam, Cambod-

ia and Thailand). This is the story

DAY ONE: At an elevation of

1.890 meters (6,200 feet), Kun-

ming's climate is bracing in the

winter months. This city of 3.5

million is full of contrast and color.

Its wide, tree-lined streets teem with

cyclists pushing down the

boulevards like great schools of fish.

Big department stores with large

windows are well stocked with mod-

em goods. Across town, in the

Flower and Bird Market, cobblestone

lanes meander through rows of shops

selling birds, seed, flowers and frogs.

of that journey.

In the villages along the caravan route, we caught glimpses of peaceful small-town

south, mountain

after mountain

was covered in

superb rice

Thailand and

China, we kept

in touch with

world via the

national GSM

networks. In

Laos, we relied

the outside

On the way back from the Dragon Gate — grottos cleaved from the cliff by a Taoist monk and his coworkers 200 years ago - we stop at Huating Temple. Ancient buildings gracefully surround a stone pond. Incense drifts upward through the magnolia, crabapple, green plum and willow trees. The main temple is an extraordinary panoply of statues of thousands of figures from Buddhist mythology. Somewhere a prayer bell sounds and Chinese opera music wafts from

DAY THREE: As we continue south, mountain after mountain (I lost count at 123) is covered in superb rice terraces. Vegetable patches, tea gardens and tree plantations abound. Even luscious strawberries are being expertly grown in this highland climate.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Gascoigne Will Go To Middlesbrough

SOCCER Paul Gascoigne, the England midfield player, agreed Tuesday to join Middlesbrough of the English first division.

Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said Gascoigne had agreed a three-and-a-half-year contract. Gascoigne must still pass a medical examination.

Gascoigne, 30, had been with Glasgow Rangers for the past twoand-a-half years but he played just one full match in the last three months and has lost his place in the England team in warm-up matches for the World Cup.

Gascoigne and Robson played together in the England midfield in the early 1990s. (Reuters)

Day of Deals in NHL

ICE HOCKEY National Hockey League teams made a string of deals Tuesday, the last day before the league's trading deadline.

• The Detroit Red Wings ac-

quired defenseman Dmitri Mironov from the Anaheim Mighty Ducks in exchange for Jamie Pushor and the Wings' fourthround pick in the 1998 entry draft. Mironov, 32, had been Anaheim's third-leading scorer with six goals and 30 assists in 66 games. In 54 games this season, Pushor has

two goals and five assists. • The Buffalo Sabres traded forward Jason Dawe to the New York Islanders in exchange for forward Paul Kruse and defenseman Jason Holland.

Dawe, 24, had 19 goals and 17 assists in 68 games to rank third in scoring for the Sabres this season.

• The Vancouver Canucks sent Dave Babych, a 36-year-old defenseman, and a sixth-round draft choice to the Philadelphia Flyers for a third-round pick in this year's

• The Toronto Maple Leafs traded Jeff Brown to the Washington Capitals for Sylvain Cote in a swap of veteran defense-

Popplewell Retires

RUGBY UNION Nick Popplewell, 32, the British Lion and former Ireland captain, said Tuesday be will quit international rugby union at the end of this season. Popplewell, a prop forward, has played 49 times for Ireland.

Quick Start for Pakistan

CRICKET Pakistan, which needs just 192 runs to win the second test against Zimbabwe in Harare, scored 58 runs in just 14 overs before the close of play Tuesday. Saeed Anwar smashed an unbeaten 38 as Pakistan set off at a

gallop, losing just one wicket. Earlier, Zimbabwe was bowled out for 268 in its second innings. Nasser Hussain completed his

first century against West Indies on Tuesday to lead England toward safety in the sixth test in Antigua. After heavy showers delayed the start of the final day's play until after lunch, Hussain and Graham Thorpe batted through the after-

noon session to take England to 275

for three at tea. Hussain was on 102

Holyfield to Face Briton

not out.

BOXING Evander Holyfield will defend his WBA heavyweight title against Henry Akinwande on June 6 at Madison Square Garden in New York

"It's pretty much done, there are just a few little details to work out," said Marina Capuro of Showtime, which will handle the pay-per-view distribution of the fight.

Akinwande, a 6-foot-7 Englishman, is the mandatory challenger. In his last fight, he was disqualified for holding against Lennox Lewis, the WBC champion. (AP)

A Sad Episode for Newcastle

ONDON - As every self-respecting soccer player knows. when you play away in Europe it is best to keep your defenses up. Freddie

Shepherd and Douglas Hall forget this rule, and it has proved costly. The two men were the chairman and vice chairman of Newcastle United. The

English Premier League club announced. a sharp rise in half-year profits Tuesday: £11.6 million, up from £6.4 million. But Shepherd and Hall, who between them own 60 percent of the shares, had resigned early Tuesday. They dare not show their faces around the stadium, the city or anywhere else in Britain.

They had been caught with their de-fenses down in a Spanish brothel 10 days earlier, trapped by a journalist pretending to represent a businessman who planned to model a foreign club on their methods. He filmed and recorded them in the brothel and a strip joint in Marbella, and exposed them in the News of the World, a British tabloid.

The uprising of Newcastle folk had less to do with the places the men visited

By Barry James

BRUSSELS — Even Prime Minister

The European Commission, acting in

agreement with that view, strengthened

its warning that it would sue France for millions of dollars in damages for keep-

ing well over half the tickets for the

soccer World Cup this summer. Karel

Van Miert, the European Union's anti-

trust commissioner, accused the French

authorities of "very considerable dis-crimination" against foreign fans. The Commission, the EU's executive

body, will lodge a formal complaint that

officials said could lead to a claim for

fines totaling up to 10 percent of ticket

sales. The French organizing committee

immediately replied that it would appeal

the complaint, and Van Miert acknowl-

edged that the case could drag on well

Addressing the French National As-sembly on Tuesday, Blair said he would try to return to France for the World Cup

Blair had earlier suggested that not

more than two government ministers

should attend games in which England

or Scotland are playing, to avoid ac-cusations of special treatment from fans

unable to get tickets. British officials

The commission says it has a duty to

ensure that all European citizens are

treated equally. Van Miert accused the

French sports minister, Marie-George

Buffet, of interfering to oppose the com-

mission and to encourage the defiance

France says it is acting fairly by of-

of the organizing committee.

past the final whistle.

create a black market.

if he could find a ticket.

Tony Blair of Britain said Tuesday that

he could not be sure of a seat at games in

the soccer World Cup this summer.

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World Cup Ticket Matter:

Will Blair Get a Seat?

European Soccer/Rob Hughes

or the company they kept than the apparent boasts that showed contempt for the club's customers, the fans.

'Shepherd and Hall may own the shares," said John Regan, secretary of the Newcastle Independent Supporters Association, "but the fans own the heart and soul of this club. The bottom line is that an apology is not enough: they must

Belatedly, they did. Late Tuesday, Sir John Hall, the father of Douglas Hall and the businessman whose leadership six years ago saved Newcastle from impending bankruptcy, returned as interim chairman, to the end of this season. He has 10 weeks to unify board, team and supporters — 10 weeks during which Newcastle could win the FA Cup, its first major English trophy for 43 years. Sir John is 65. He is a man of volcanic

emotions. He worked down a coal mine but now lives in the ancestral home of one of the lords of the coal fields. Above all, Sir John is a "Geordie," as New-

fering to send 60,000 of the remaining 160,000 tickets to the soccer federations

of the other 31 participating nations ---

10,000 more than it was offering last week — and selling the rest on a first-

Jacques Lambert, the head of the or-ganizing committee, said it would have been seen as a "gross injustice" by the

French if those tickets were sold only to

that since taxpayers have paid the costs of the championship, including a mo-numental new stadium near Paris, it was

only fair that French fans should get 65

The organizing committee says it re-

ceived 20 million requests for the 1.25

million available tickets. Tickets sold

outside France are being distributed

either through national soccer feder-

ations or through officially recognized

tour operators, which are selling seats only as part of package deals.

British fans say they have cannot afford prices of up to £600 (\$1,000) for a single first-round match, and much

more for later games.

Last month, FIFA, soccer's world governing body, said it had persuaded the

organizing committee to hand over

150,000 tickets for the 48 first-round

games that it had been holding in reserve

to sell to French fans. The committee

insists it has obeyed rules laid down by

French campaign by the British tabloid

press, with one newspaper, the News of

the World, publishing the photo of the

woman in charge of ticket distribution

with her head in a guillotine. It printed

her telephone and fax numbers and

urged readers to send complaints. The

committee was swamped with calls.

The dispute has prompted an anti-

The French Sports Ministry insists

come, first-served basis.

fans outside France.

percent of the tickets.

castle natives are known. He is a man hewn from hardship who has an intense belief in family and regional values.

Time will tell if he was too soft on his son. At Tuesday's media briefing, Sir John delivered the apology his offspring dared not, and then castigated the reporter, Mazher Mahmood, whose scam entrapped the two men.

"The nightmare for our two families," said Sir John, "was trying to explain all this to sobbing grandchildren. The human cost is immense, and I ask you all now to let us get on with our lives."

Sir John resigned as chairman 14 months ago, when Newcastle was floated on the stock exchange. Shortly before that, Kevin Keegan, the charismatic team manager, had left the club. British institutional investors with stakes in the club are considering their

and their fitness to serve on the board of a quoted company.

They, and other investors, will doubtless wait to see what follows Sir John's

options. They have asked searching questions about the two exposed men

10 weeks in charge.
The "people" have won, though it may be a pyrrhic victory.
"I feel very sorry for the fans because you can't get better supporters in the whole land," said Cardinal Basil Hume, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Britain and a lifelong Newcastle United fan. "They deserve a first-rate team run

by a chib that is well organized. The crux of this matter is that the fortunes of Newcastle are built, more strongly than in any other British city, on the faith of the local fans. They live and breathe soccer, it is their regional identity, ingrained in the people as coal dust was once beneath the fingernails.

One fan said last week that moralizing over the deeds of Shepherd and Douglas Hall should be left to their families (both are married men with children), but the insults to fans would never be forgiven. As drink flowed in Marbella, the pair boasted of "ripping off" fans who paid £50 for replica shirts that cost £5 to make, called the women of Newcastle 'dogs,'' said the star player Alan Shearer was as "boring as Mary Poppins" and crowed that they had sold Andy Cole to Manchester United for £7 million knowing he needed serious surgery.

Within a day of the publication of the

story, more than the fee for Cole fell from the market valuation of the club. Within 10 days, Shepherd and Hall were made to depart the boardroom. "What has happened has been self-inflicted." said Sir John, "but you have to ask why such an elaborate scam started? They were not arms dealers, not robbers.'

He then reminded his audience that it was Shepherd and Hall, together with the Newcastle chief executive Freddie Fletcher, who in 1992 orchestrated the on of Keepan, the Pied Piper, and Sir John, the paymaster. The last act of the now disparaged junior partners was to sign a deal with the French TV station Canal Plus to show Newcastle's matches live in 160 countries. They made profits but without honor.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times of London



Anna Kournikova returning a serve against Monica Seles in the first setof their Lipton Championships match, which the Russian won, 7-5, 6-4.

Kournikova in Final 8 After Beating Martinez

The Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida - Anna Kournikova earned the last women's berth in the quarterficals at the Lipton Championships on Tuesday by beating Conchita Martinez, 6-3, 6-0.

Konmikova, 16, eliminated a top-10 player for the second time in 24 hours. She beat No. 4 Monica Seles, 7-5, 6-4, Monday. The Russian will next play Lindsay Davenport, the world No. 2. Martinez, ranked ninth, never had a

break point and hit only two winners in the 51-minute mismatch. Kournikova on 15 of 17 points at the ne

"I was really prepared and knew what I had to do," Kournikova said. "I'm really an aggressive player. I try to come to the net as much as possible." Seles, playing just her second match after a four-month layoff, was no match for Kournikova.

Pete Sampras was also treated rudely. He lost, 0-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3, to Wayne Ferreira on Monday, and his run as No. 1 could end next week.

'I'm sitting here in shock," Sampras said. "I had the match in my hands. I let it slip away."

His grip on No. 1 is tenuous, thanks to a stumbling start in 1998. Petr Korda, who is ranked No. 2, Marcelo Rios, the No. 3, and Greg Rusedski, No. 5, have a chance to supplant Sampras, depending on how they fare at the Lipton. Sampras, whose 102-week reign is the third-longest in ATP Tour history,

could slip to third next week. "You just hope when it comes to the end of the year, I can be No. 1," he said.

"The end-of-the-year ranking is a true indication of who had the best year. But this is not the way I wanted to start the This year has been especially difficult

for Seles, who has spent the last few months tending to her terminally ill father, and her rusty baseline game was no match for Kournikova. "Monica has always been the player I

admired most," she said. "When I was growing up, she was the young and upcoming player."

Monica Seles, who was playing her second match after a long layoff.

24, but a 1993 stabbing and her father's. illness make her seem older.

"I feel bad for her, for her dad, for what happened to her," Kournikova said. "If nothing would happen to her, I think she would win another 20 Grand

Sampras, who owns 10 Grand Slam titles, has finished the last five years at No. 1. But in five tournaments in 1998, he has only one title - at Philadelphia early this month.

'You have to have a bad patch somewhere," Ferreira said. "It's taken him

Korda, who needs two victories this week to overtake Sampras, outlasted; Francisco Clavet, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Rusedski, a longshot to become No. 1 next week, overpowered Marc Rosset, 6-1, 7-6 (10-8). Rios, who could become No. 1 if he wins the Lipton, earlier advanced to a fourth-round matchup against Goran Ivanisevic.



Browns Will Be Reborn in Cleveland

By Leonard Shapiro Washington Post Service

ORLANDO, Florida — National Football League owners have unanimously voted to provide Cleveland with an expansion franchise that will be known as the Browns and will begin playing in 1999. On the first day of their annual winter

meetings on Monday, the owners also approved an extension of the collective bargaining agreement with the players' union, assuring labor peace through

Cleveland had been guaranteed a new tearn by the league after Art Modell moved the city's longtime franchise to Baltimore after the 1995 season and renamed the team the Ravens. The league will now begin the process of selecting an owner, setting an expansion fee and determining the method for

70,000-seat stadium already under construction on the site of the old stadium in central Cleveland.

The new Cleveland Browns will play their first game in July 1999 in the annual Hall of Fame preseason contest in nearby Canton, Ohio. The NFL commissioner, Paul Tagliabue, said the franchise would play in the American Football Conference's Central Division.

The Browns will become the league's 31st franchise, and Tagliabue said they would immediately begin sharing in the league television revenues in 1999. Neither Tagliabue nor the stadium committee chairman. Jerry Richardson, owner of the Carolina Panthers, would estimate a franchise fee, but Tampa Bay's owner, Malcolm Glazer, said he thought \$500 million was not out of line.

million when the league expanded to Carolina and Jacksonville three years ago. Several groups have already exessed interest in owning a new Browns franchise. The commissioner's role in achiev-

ing the labor extension as well as negotiating an eight-year, \$17.6 billion network and cable TV contract was rewarded when owners voted unanimously to give him a five-year contract extension through March 2005. Tagliabue, 57, has been in office since November 1989 and had two years left

on a contract that reportedly paid him about \$2.5 million a year. No figures were made public by the league, but sources indicated that his new contract would double that salary.

The National Basketball Association "A price tag of a franchise will not be commissioner, David Stern, earns \$6 that complicated," said Richardson, million a year.

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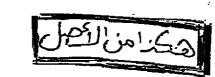
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Bulls Take 6th Straight In Victory **Over Celtics**

The Associated Press

Scottie Pippen scored 27 points, including 14 on dunks, as the Chicago Bulls beat the Boston Celtics to keep their narrow grip on first place in the

overall standings.

The Bulls victory, by 111-88 in Chicago, was their sixth straight. Pippen, Michael Jordan and Phil Jackson, the coach, might all leave the team after this season.

"We know that it's 14, 13, 12, 11," Jackson said. "We're just counting them down until the end of the season. Just a handful of games left before we

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finish up as a team. We've done something here that's remarkable, but it can't go on forever. We know that Sometime, the plug's got to be pulled on it, and this is the appropriate time. It's time to go."
The Bulls lead the Seattle SuperSon-

ics by half a game in the overall standings and the Utah Jazz by one game. Chicago appears to have the easiest remaining schedule of the three top teams. Utah and Seattle still must play each other once more.

Pippen had 11 rebounds and six assists in one of his best all-around games of the season. Since his return after missing 35 games with a foot injury, the Bulls have gone 28-6.

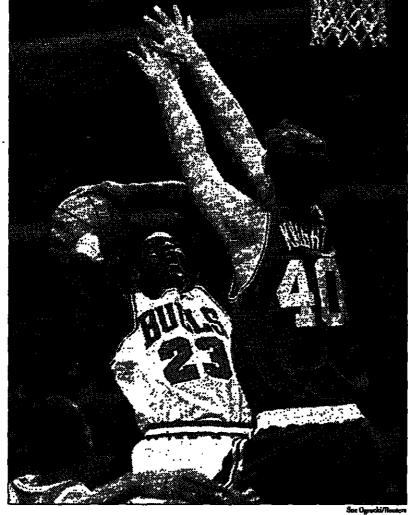
Jordan scored 24 points, Dennis Rodman had 14 rebounds to go with a season-high 12 points and Toni Kukoc had 17 points and 10 assists for the Bulls.

SuperSonics 109, Kings 83 In Seattle, Gary Payton scored 24 points and Hersey Hawkins broke a two-game scoreless drought with 16 points as Seattle ended a two-game losing streak with a victory over Sacramento.

Though the game was already de-cided in the fourth quarter, coach George Karl left Hawkins in as his shooting guard tried to regain his touch.

Averaging a career-low 10.3 points, Hawkins missed 15 straight shots before scoring on a lay-up in the first quarter. Labors 107, Nuggets 86 In Denver, Eddie Jones had 27 points, five rebounds and three blocked shots as Los Angeles

completed its second straight four-game rason sweep of the Nuggets.
Shaquille O'Neal added 24 points Kobe Bryant had 23 for the Lakers,



Michael Jordan getting a shot off over the Celtics center Travis Knight.

who sent the Nuggets to a franchise board of governors meeting in Dallas on record-tying 62d loss.

Mavericks 91, Tamberwolves 87 Hubert Davis scored 10 of his 16 points during a 20-2 fourth-quarter run as Dallas rallied to win at Minnesota.

Michael Finley scored 27 points and Shawn Bradley added 16 points, 12 rebounds and 4 blocks for the Mavericks. The Timberwolves have lost five of their last seven.

ns 94, 76ors 79 Allen Iverson was held to a career-low four points as Detroit, behind 20 points from Joe Dumars, won at Philadelphia. Iverson shot just 2-for-14 for the Sixers.

Grizzlies 106, Clippers 95 In Vancouver, Bryant Reeves scored 35 points as the Grizzlies set a franchise record with their 16th victory. The Grizzlies won 15 games in 1995-96, their inaugural season, and 14 in 1996-97.

■ NBA Voids Pact With Players

The owners of the National Basketball Association voted overwhelmingly to void the final three years of the collective bargaining agreement with the players' union. The New York Times reported.

The vote of 27 to 2 at the league's

Monday paved the way for negotiations that will probably alter the off-season and beyond.

The owners exercised a clause in the agreement that allowed them to reopen the pact if it was not working to their satisfaction. Neither Commissioner David Stero nor Billy Hunter, the players' association executive director, would discuss the possibility of the first work stoppage in the league's history.
The deal will expire June 30. Both

sides have from April 1 until then to work out a new contract. Several team officials have suggested that if one is not reached, the league would most likely lock out the players during the summer and prohibit teams from signing free agents or making trades.

"There are obvious remedies available to all sides in a labor situation when parties do not agree, but we'll leave it to others to speculate on a worst-case scenario," Stern said Monday.

Hunter said in a statement, "It is unfortunate the owners have chosen to forfeit three years of guaranteed labor peace at a time when the industry is so obviously healthy.

Cardinal Flying High in NCAA

Stanford Proves It's Physical and Quick Enough for Final Four

By Timothy W. Smith New York Times Service

Stanford was not supposed to be physical enough for a tough inside battle with Purdue in the Midwest Regional semifinal. But in the end, the Boilermakers were the ones picking themselves up off the floor.

And the Cardinal guards were not supposed to be quick enough to handle Rhode Island's backcourt of Cuttino

Mobley and Tyson Wheeler.
But it was Cardinal guard Arthur Lee
who took over Sunday's game in the final two minutes, and it was Wheeler who unraveled at the free-throw line with an opportunity to tie the score in the last five seconds.

Now Stanford, the "other" team from the Pacific-10 Conference, is in the Final Four with an opportunity to win the National Collegiate Athletic Asso-ciation men's basketball championship.

In the first game Saturday night at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas, the Cardinal (30-4) will play Kentucky (33-4), which rallied from a 17-point deficit to defeat Duke and win the South Regional on Sunday.

Utah (29-3), which knocked off Arizona - the Pacific-10 champion and the defending national champion - to win the West Regional, will play North Carolina (34-3), the East Regional champion, in the second game.

onio, said Stanford forward Mark Madsen, who did Mormon missionary work in Spain for two years. "I love Mexican food - flour tortillas, cheese and chicken quesadillas, rice casseroles. I'm just

very excited about going." But this is not an opportunity to play galloping gonmet. This is a chance to make a run for a national championship, something Stanford has not won since

Mike Montgomery said that when he was hired as the Cardinal's coach 10 years ago, the prevailing attitude among students, fans and some administrators was that the basketball team could not succeed at a high level. He never accepted that, and he has taken Stanford to the NCAA tournament six times in 10

"When I was being recruited, I remember Coach Montgomery talking about it," Madsen said. "He said the goal of our program was to get to the Final Four and have a chance at a national championship. Now, it's a real-

All four coaches will be making their first appearances as head coaches in the Final Four, and North Carolina's Bill Guthridge and Kentucky's Tubby Smith are in their first season with their teams. Rick Majerus, who took Utah to the final eight last year, was an assistant

"I'll have the opportunity to speak a on the staff of Al Maguire when little Spanish down there" in San Ant. Maguire guided Marquette to a national championship in 1977.

Kentucky and North Carolina are familiar names in the Final Four. The Wildcats are here for the third year in a row. Last year, coached by Rick Pitino, they lost to Arizona in the

championship game; they won the title the year before. Guthridge was the longtime assistant to Dean Smith, who retired before this season after 11 Final Four appearances. Smith left Guthridge a team loaded with talent, and Guthridge became the first head coach to win 30 or more games in

his first season. The Tar Heels, who have been to the Final Four three of the last four years, are the favorites.

"We know only one team is going to leave San Antonio not disappointed," Guthridge said. "We hope it's us. We're working hard to make sure it's North Carolina

Antawn Jamison, the Tar Heels' star forward, said the team was going to San Antonio with a different attitude than it had last year, when it lost to Arizona in

"After we made the Final Four last year, we were happy to be there," he

"We kind of got caught up in it. This year, everyone on this team feels we can

1998 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four 8 Rhode Island 74 N. Carolina 73 1 N. Carolina 75 Rhode Island 77 Friday 13 Valparaiso 68 Stanford (30-4) N. Carolina (34-3) 3 Stanford 67 Washington 6411 Stanford 79 San Antonio 2 Purdue 59 Connecticut 65 2 Semifinal: Final Semifinal 1 Duke 80 Arizona 87 1 March 30 Saturday Arizona 51 Friday Thursday 5 Syracuse 67 Marvland 79 Kentucky (33-4) 6 U.C.L.A. 68 Utah (29-3) Utah 65 2 Kentucky 94 West Virginia 62 10

'ticago Sees Silver Lining in Tie With Detroit

TROIT — Craig Hartsburg, the Chicago Blacks' coach, tried to put a positive spin on blowing a goal lead against the Detroit Red Wings. We can look at it two ways," Hartsburg said Monday

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after Steve Yzerman scored two of Detroit's three reriod goals and assisted on the other, rallying the /ings to a 5-5 tie. "The negative is we didn't hold the nd let them back into the hockey game. We didn't ut the positive is we came in here and got a point." rman's heroics cost Chicago a chance to match a -best five-game winning streak. His four-point night o had two assists) moved Yzerman within one point

of becoming the 13th National Hockey League player with

Detroit trailed by 5-3 when Yzerman scored the Red Wings' third power-play goal of the game with 4:48 re-maining. Yzerman tied it with 51 seconds to go. Ethan Moreau scored two for Chicago, helping it take a 4-1 lead. mes 5, Panthers 3 In Miami, Keith Primeau scored twice as Carolina extended Florida's losing streak to 13

The Hurricanes, who had lost four of their previous five ames, moved into a ninth-place tie with the New York Rangers in the Eastern Conference. Both teams trail Ottawa by five points in the race for the conference's final playoff spot. Florida, which also has a 15-game winless streak, moved within four losses of the NHL record of 17 straight, set by the Washington Capitals in 1974-75.

Tennessee Gets Fright but Wins, 76-70

After 60 games and a slew of upsets, the race for the NCAA women's basketball championship has come down to Tennessee and three surprises. And speaking of surprises, there was almost

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the national champion from the start, kept alive its hopes of a record third straight title, but only after surviving its scariest game of the season.

The Lady Vols needed all the havoc their press could muster and clutch play from Chamique Holdsclaw to turn back North Carolina, 76-70, Monday night in the Mideast Regional final in Nashville.

Thanks to a pulsating comeback from a 12-point deficit, Tennessee (37-0) will play its Southeastern Conference rival Arkansas (22-10) in the national semi-

finals in Kansas City on Friday night. "This is the hardest of the six games to play," said the Tennessee coach, Pat Summitt. "Everybody dreams of being in the Final Four, but you have to win

the regional first. Arkansas, at No. 9 the lowest seed ever Tennessee, practically preordained as to reach the Final Four, beat Duke, 77-72, first trip to the sport's showcase event. But a pairing with Tennessee is not much of a reward. The Lady Vols beat Arkan-

sas, 88-58, during the regular season. Tennessee will be in the Final Four for the 11th time and has won five national titles, all under Summitt. Louisiana Tech, which has won two national championships, beat Purdue, 72-65, in the Midwest final in Lubbock, Texas, to reach the Final Four for the ninth time.

"There's nothing like going to the Final Four," said Leon Barmore, the Tech coach. "It never gets old." It almost never happened for Tennessee, which trailed, 61-49, with less than seven and a half minutes left. But the Lady Vols' smothering press triggered a 15-1 run that pulled them into the lead.

Holdsclaw finished with 29 points and Semeka Randall scored 20 for the

Lady Vols, who trailed in the second half for the first time since Dec. 12. timer North Carolina State (25-6) in its semifinal. North Carolina State, the No.

4 seed, won the East, 60-52 over secondeeded Connecticut in Dayton, Ohio. Connecticut lost for the first time in

the eight games it has played without All-America Nykesha Sales, sidelined by a ruptured Achilles tendon. Amy Duran and Paige Sauer led the Huskies with 11 points each.
"Despite all our wins, this year has

been an incredible struggle for me,' UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "The fact that we've even been able to get here is a miracle."

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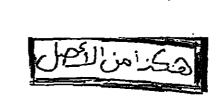


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By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — What a circus! What a farce! See Vernon Jordan quote St. Paul on the courthouse steps! Watch '60 Minutes' tell the tale of a woman groped in

the Oval Office! Feast your eyes on the transformation wrought by the hairdresser's art on Paula Jones and Linda Tripp!

Witness Lawyer Ginsburg's rise from the obscurity other hand, gives outsiders a of malpractice courtrooms to media stardom!

And don't miss Matt Drudge, folks! The man who tells all on the Internet! Absolutely all! See him look square-jawed and upright as he meets ferocious interrogator Tim Russert!

See Michael Isikoff get scooped while clownish oldfashioned Newsweek editors dawdle over ethics!

Watch media stars meet Monica Lewinsky at parties and restaurants! Hear tales of "the big creep," the semen-stained

garment and fantastic book contracts! Watch Kenneth Starr, the Sultan of the Subpoena, sweat nobody to root for, with the Monica's mom in the grand- exception of Betty Currie, the

jury hotbox!
See daring leakers defy

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Monica fatigue mean they has become a war of laughs. have made up their minds and

wish the spinmeisters would leave them alone. This is not the same as saying they are not delighted by the spectacle of all Washington coming un-

ioned burlesque show. It is natural that "the great issues" — budgets, pork bills, social welfare --- should leave millions numb. Millions assume such matters will be settled by and for the benefit of big-money people.

hinged in a grand old-fash-

The Monica circus, on the chance to enjoy a pleasurable sneer at the essential cheesiness of big shots affoat on oceans of money.

The polls depict a public that thinks the president misbehaves with women and lies about it, but doesn't think this disqualifies him for the office. From this you might expect that politicians will drop "family-issues" bunk from their campaign oratory, but don't bet on it. Political campaigners know that hypocrisy, if flagrant enough, can be catnip to the voters.

One of the joys of the Monica show is that there is president's secretary, who seems to have had the court orders by crushing me-dia aces under tons of leaked retary to a president who needs a secretary to take a fall.

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'Titanic' Captures 11 Oscars

Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt Win Top Acting Awards

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - "Titanic." the James Cameron epic about doomed ocean liner, glided tri-umphantly through the 70th annual Academy Awards, winning 11 accolades, including best picture and the best director Oscars for Cameron. The film's honors tied it with "Ben-Hur" for the most ever.

The Academy of Motion Picture actors also starred. Arts and Sciences presented its top acting awards to Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt for "As Good as It Gets." and its supporting-acting Oscars to Kim Basinger for "L.A. Nicholson's third Academy Award.

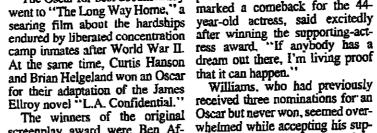
The best foreign film was the Dutch movie "Character." Mike van Diem (Page 8).

The Oscar for best documentary prostitute in "L.A. Confidential" went to "The Long Way Home," a marked a comeback for the 44searing film about the hardships a tragic love affair aboard the At the same time, Curtis Hanson and Brian Helgeland won an Oscar that it can happen. for their adaptation of the James Ellroy novel "L.A. Confidential."

The winners of the original screenplay award were Ben Affleck and Matt Damon for "Good Will Hunting." in which the two

Hunt, the Emmy-Award win-ning star of NBC's "Mad About You," received her best-actress Oscar for playing a world-weary waitress and single mother in Confidential" and Robin Williams James L. Brooks's comedy "As for "Good Will Hunting." It was Good as It Gets." The 34-year-old Good as It Gets." The 34-year-old actress said emotionally, "I'm here for one reason - that's Jim

Brooks. Basinger, whose role as a sultry



porting-actor award. "This might be the one time I'm speechless." said the 46-year-old actor, who portrayed a therapist in "Good Will Hunting."
Although Academy officials said beforehand that it was doubtful that Billy Crystal, the host of the show, would mention the current

sexual allegations by several women against President Clinton, Crystal obviously thought otherwise. "A year ago the White House was complaining there was too

much sex in Holly-wood, he said. Times change." At another point Crystal brought down the house when he said: "There's a billion people watching the show tonight. Linda Tripp is taping it," Later Williams cracked a joke "the Vernon employment about Jordan

agency. The 3-hour-and-14-minute "Titanic" has been No. 1 at the box office for 14 weeks and has grossed a record \$1.2 billion around the world, including \$495 million in the United States. The film starred Leonardo ers aboard the vessel that sank in the Atlantic in 1912, carrying more than 1,500 people to their



"Titanic" director James Cameron with his Oscars.

inations, which tied the record set emotion, by the Joseph L. Mankiewicz classic "All About Eve" (1950). The Co "Titanic" was, from the outset, almost certain to dominate the Academy Awards. Cameron, who was pilloried in the press and across Hollywood last year for going \$100 million over budget on his \$200 million movie, is now perhaps Hollywood's premier film-

Cameron said recently that in creating "Titanic," he felt audi-DiCaprio and Kate ences were eager to see a romantic Winslet as fictional lov- and historic epic and were wearying of science-fiction films.

'We went in with a harebrained theory — let's do a romantic epic because no one's done one in a long time," the filmmaker said. "We With 14 Oscar nom- thought there was a hunger for

The other winners:

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Original Musical or Comedy Score: Full Monty," Anne Dudley Original Dramatic Score: "Titanic," James orner Original Song: "My Heart Will Go On" om "Titanic." James Horner and Will Jen-

Documentary (short subject): "A Story of

Healing "Film Editing: "Titanic"
Makeup: "Meo in Black"
Animated Short Film: "Geri's Game"
Live Action Short Film: "Visas and Vit-Visual Effects: "Titanic"

Previously announced: Gordon E. Sawyer Award: Don Iwerks Scientific and Technical Award: Gunnar P. Honorary Award: Stanley Doner

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The acting awards went to Basinger, Williams, Hunt and Nicholson.

rock-star welcome in Vancouver. British Columbia, from about 200 and his brother, Prince Harry, 13, planned several public events who has been compared in the local

harborside hotel for a reception. screaming fans. The 15-year-old non Suggitt, 18, who nonetheless prince, his father, Prince Charles, told Canadian Press, "I would marry him. He's beautiful.' Britons gave a lackluster welcome

teenage girls and the blinding light from an army of international pho-

Mad About You' Stars Sign for Another Season

LOS ANGELES - The NBC sitcom "Mad About You" will be

Paul Reiser, have renewed their contracts. The network refused to divulge what Hunt and Reiser would earn per episode, but Media Week reported earlier this month it would cost \$1 million-plus for Reiser and about \$1 million for Hunt, who won the Academy Award for best actress on Monday night.

back for its seventh season, now that the show's stars, Helen Hunt and

MAKING a rare public appear- tographers. He flashed a smile at cludes Diana's looping signature in a recital based on new Chekhov cisco Opera, the Welsh National ance, Prince William got a official greeters and ducked into a purple script. The margarine is the short stories and favorite Chekhov Opera and the Santa Fe Opera. first consumer product the fund has "William snubbed us," said Shan- endorsed. Trustees hope the campaign will raise \$400,000 for Diana's favorite causes. There were plenty of people who disapproved. I think it is awful and tacky," said around Vancouver before heading to tubs of margarine bearing the Mary Ashworth, a 50-year-old off for a skiing vacation. William, official logo of the Diana. Princess homemaker. "I am a big royal fan, of Wales, memorial fund. The tubs and I don't think this is the right way press to the movie star Leonardo of Flora margarine are selling for the to remember Princess Diana. I cerbiCaprio, did his best to ignore same price as the ordinary ones but tainly won't be buying it.

> Among mother-daughter acts, the one coming up on May 2 and 3 in something special. The mother is Rachel Redgrave; the daughter is members of the distinguished Brit-Fifth Annual Massachusetts Inter- award carries a cash prize of national Festival of the Arts in the \$30,000. Racette, 32, a soprano,

Broadway producer Pamela Koslow, have separated. Hines lives in Los Angeles, where he tapes "The Gregory Hines Show" for CBS. couple, who were married in 1981, have a 14-year-old son.

Patricia Racette has received American opera singer on the verge

Now that he's been named co-Gregory Hines and his wife, the anchor of ABC's "Good Morning America," Kevin Newman knows he'll have to get out a little more. "I've been a newsman all my life," the 38-year old newscaster said. Koslow, who produced "Jelly's "I'm going to have to read more, go Last Jam," lives in New York, "It's to the movies more and take on the not a divorce. This is just a sep-popular culture. I'm just going to aration," Hines's publicist said. The have to grow." Newman will take over from Charles Gibson on May 4 as co-anchor with Lisa McRee.

the 19th annual Richard Tucker anti-death-penalty book inspired the Vanessa Redgrave, and the two Award, conferred annually on an movie "Dead Man Walking," brought her crusade to the UN Huish acting family will appear at the of a major international career. The man Rights Commission. "I especially appeal to my own country, the United States of America, to disworld premiere of "Sarah Bernhardt" has appeared at the Metropolitan mantle the machinery of death, Comes to Town." This theater piece Opera, the Paris Opera, Covent which each year executes more and mantle the machinery of death, is described by Vanessa Redgrave as Garden in London, the San Fran-more people," she said.



Prince William, a teen heartthrob in Vancouver.



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By John F. Harris

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Wednesday, President Bill Clinane here and acknowledged that aswer should have been simple. nday, as many as a million people what Mr. Clinton called the most. slaughter in this blood-filled cent are about to leave. It was a h he added, for which the United and other members of the intercommunity must share blame: ding began. Mr. Clinton said and not immediately call these by their rightful name: grow

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